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States

Presidential run: Cameron F. Kerry says it's "conceivable" his brother, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry, will run for president in 2008, despite a close loss to President Bush last week.

"He's in a position of national leadership,"
Cameron Kerry told the Boston Globe in an interview published Tuesday. "He's going to exercise that role and be a voice for the 55 million people who voted for him. The position bed; is given him, a bully multis".

tion he's in gives him a bully pulpit."
Kerry is "profoundly disappointed," said Cameron Kerry, who has spoken to his brother several times about his political future since the Massachusetts Democrat conceded the race last Wednesday.

Nightclub fire: Station nightclub owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian must respond to civil suits filed against them, and cannot delay the suits until the criminal case against them is settled, a federal judge has ruled

U.S. District Judge Ronald Lagueux ruled on Monday, however, that the Derderians cannot be deposed and do not have to answer more detailed questions from victims' lawyers at this point.

The brothers and Daniel Biechele, the former manager for the rock band Great White, each face 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Feb. 20, 2003, fire at the West Warwick, R.I., mightclub.

Super Bowl blunder: CBS has called for the cancellation of a \$550,000 federal fine for producing the Super Bowl halftime show during which Janet Jackson's breast was ex-

CBS, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc., argued in a 78-page letter to the Federal Communications Commission dated Friday that the "costume reveal" wasn't foreseeable.

"No one at the network knew, or had reason to suspect, that the halftime show would end with a glimpse of nudity," CBS said. Yet the fine, announced in September, "is based on the premise that Viacom 'planned' and 'touted' what it did not know would happen." CBS added.

Military

Army rape victim: A lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard who said she was raped at a base in Mississippi does not have to return there, the Army said.

The woman's lawyer had said that the Army was threatening to prosecute her for being AWOL if she did not return to Camp

Shelby in Mississippi.

But over the weekend, Lt. Richard Steele, a spokesman for the Georgia-based First United States Army, told reporters the lieutenant could avoid prosecution by reporting to her nearest military installation.

The soldier said she did not trust the military's statement.

Business

H&R Block accused of fraud: Securities regulators have accused H&R Block Financial Advisors of fraud in selling customers nationwide some \$16 million of Euron bonds in late 2001 and touting them as a safe investment when the energy-trading giant had begun to collapse.

The National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-polic-



lvory Coast cocoa shutdown: A worker shovels up cocoa beans after they have been dried in the sun in Guiglo in western hory Coast. Competition over land to grow cocoa, the key ingredient in chocolate, is fueling a cycle of ethnic violence in hvory Coast, the world's large set producer where 40 percent of global supply is harwested. Wolence in the hvory Coast has shut down cocoa exports from the world's largest producer, closing ports that ship more than 40 percent of the world's ray material for chocolate, cocoa fraders said Tuesday.

ing organization, announced its complaint Monday against the investment division of the world's largest tax preparer.

World

Fathers' rights dispute: Britain's top family law judge has no time for Batman and Robin

Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss said Tuesday she would not listen to the arguments of a fathers' rights group whose members have dressed up as comic book characters and invaded Buckingham Palace and other monuments in a campaign for more rights to their

Butler-Sloss said Fathers 4 Justice was not making a "sensible" argument that would lead to constructive dialogue between parents fighting for access to their children.

Gay marriage: A lesbian couple who wed in Canada can seek to have their union legally recognized in Ireland, a judge ruled Tuesday in a case he predicted would have deep consequences for this predominantly Catholic country.

High Court Justice Liam McKechnie said lawyers representing Ann Louise Gilligan and Katherine Zappone had presented an arguable case that merited a full hearing, likely to take place next year.

Gilligan and Zappone — who were married in British Columbia in September 2003 — are the first gay couple in Ireland to go to court to seek state recognition of a foreign marriage.

Turkish EU membership: Finland and Bulgaria on Tuesday welcomed the possible opening of EU accession talks for Turkey, but stressed that the country must meet all membership requirements before being accepted into the 25-member bloc.

President Tarja Halonen said Finland continues to be "positive about Turkey approaching the European Union."

"It's great that Turkey has progressed so much in this question in recent months," Hai lonen said at a news conference with visiing Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov.

Afghanistan kidnappings: Two of three

U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan have called home to say they are OK, officials and relatives said Tuesday, and one hostage said she expected to be released soon.

A spokesman for the Afghan government said "progress has been made" toward ending the crisis. "I'm hopeful that we will see their safe release in the near future," said Jawed Ludin.

Milosevic's war crimes trial: Slobodan Milosevic's trial resumed Tuesday at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal with the court hearing a British lawyer's request to be dismissed as a standby attorney for the former Yugoslav president.

Steven Kay, appointed in September to destreven Kay, appointed

fend Milosevic against the former leader's will, filed a "motion for withdrawal" on Monday. He said Milosevic was uncooperative, and many defense witnesses refused to come to court to be questioned by Kay and his assistant, Gillian Higgins.

Steel tariffs complaint: The European Union has asked the World Trade Organization to condemn U.S. antidumping duties that have hit a British steel firm, EU officials said Tuesday.

The EU maintains that the United States is breaching the rules of global commerce through its tariffs of almost 126 percent on imports of stainless steel bars made by Firth Rixson Special Steels Ltd.

Washington imposed the duties in March 2002, claiming the company was unfairly dumping cheap goods on the U.S. market. The EU counters that the move violated international trade law.

Sudan humanitarian crisis: Sudan's government and Darfur's rebels agreed Tuesday to sign fresh accords meant to stop hostilities and guarantee aids groups access to 1.6 million war-displaced in Sudan's troubled western region of Darfur.

Sudan's government agreed to renounce "hostile" military flights over Darfur, apparently setting up a no-fly zone demanded by rebels amid widespread accusations of government bombings of villages.

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Veteran makes final trip to Italian base

Stars and Strines AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Edward Renna was stationed in Aviano before all but a handful of those currently serving on

hase were horn Dase were born.
One of the first American airmen to call
Aviano home, the 67-year-old will be a guest
speaker when the base holds its Veterans
Day ceremony a day
early on Wednesday.
Like many older yet-

erans, Renna said he's concerned that Veterans Day has become a footnote in today's so-

get about Veterans Day," he said. "Everyone could tell you when Christmas is. But I bet not many could tell you when Veterans Day is. Just ask them in April



Part of that may be due to a general lack of knowledge of - or enthusiasm for - history. But Renna's more than willing to tell today's airmen about what life was like on base, in the military and in Italy during his three-year tour that began on Nov. 25, 1954

He arrived as a 17-year-old airman sec-ond class, after serving a year in the Illinois Air National Guard. He and about 450 other airmen in the 629th Air Control and Warning Squadron called Aviano home for the winter until they moved to Campo Formido near Udine in the spring

They were among the first Americans to be stationed - even temporarily - at Aviano. The base will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Americans stationed on base in

February.
The 629th's mission was similar to what the 603rd Air Control Squadron, based in Aviano, does today. It had a pair of C-47 transport planes assigned to it and they were stationed at Aviano. But 1950s tech nology wouldn't allow the unit to be staing there. Renna said there was a gap in the radar system that made it unreliable for aircraft within 30 to 50 miles of where it was set up. So, in order to control aircraft coming into Aviano, they had to be stationed in Udine

Italy was still facing tough economic times, Renna said. Very few people had cars, so the Americans driving jeeps around didn't face much traffic — other than bicycles and Vespas. There were no fences around the base. Heavily armed Italian soldiers patrolled the streets of the sur-

rounding cities around the clock. were still American forces to the east in Trieste, an open city wanted by both

Italy and Yugoslavia. "I remember sitting at a bar next to the fence that separated Italy and Yugoslavia," he says. "And seeing guards go by that were Americans and they were carrying .45s

That's something that airmen in the 629th didn't do much. He said Italian forces protected the American facilities - much like they do today - and there were only two people who regularly carried weapons

hile the unit was based in Udine.

While attending a dance with an Italian soldier, Renna - an Italian-American who didn't speak the language until serving in country - saw a young girl across the dance floor. He asked her to dance in his halting Italian and she refused at first. But Fran. 14 at the time, eventually consented Two years later, she agreed to marry him and move to the States when the 629th disbanded, giving way to the Italians that they had helped train.

Almost 48 years (and five children) later, the two own an engineering and contracting business in Florida.

Renna says this may be his final trip to Aviano, citing concerns from his doctor that long travel hurts his health.

So, in his remarks Wednesday, he'll effectively be saying hello to a lot of airmen and goodbye to a place he once called

Veterans Day events

IRAO

The 1st Infantry Division-led Task Force Danger is planning Veterans Day ceremonies Thursday at many of its outposts in Iran, many honoring veterans, a S-kilometer run, a prayer breakfast, and a special evening meal, said Capt. William Copperand, task force spokes—it is the proper of the proper

ger, in 1kHr.

3rd Brigade Combat Team, at FOB Warhorse, in Baquotia.

2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, at
FOB Warrior, in Kirkuk.

30th Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina National Guard, at FOB Caldwell, near
Balad Ruz.

GFRMANY

Mednesday - ceremony 3 pm., at 6-52 Air Defense Artillery, Shipton Casern. Baberhausen Sunday - The Veterar's Memorial Museum on Babenhausen Casern will be open noon to 5 pm., featuring an exhibit of vehicles and weapons. The museum is located in building 4501.

4501.

Thursday—Cor Bamberg mored by Veterans of Poreign Wars, 11 am, in frust of the Typhth Base Support Battalan headquarters, followed by cake and coffee at the Community Activation of the Commun

Hohenfels Wednesday — Parade, 1:45 p.m., on General Patton Boulevard, running from the "lemon lot" to building 1. Cake and refreshments afterwards.

ards. Thursday – Free hot dogs for veterans at

Thursday – Free hot dogs for veterans at Ine Zone Sports Bag, 4-6 p.m. Rapum Hv. Aspam Hv. Aspam

Schweinfurt
Thursday - Free bowling for active-duty servicemembers, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Kessler Bowling Center.



Spc. Billy Barnes, a 1st Infantry Division soldier injured in a firefight in Iraq. salutes before a wreath laid in honor of 1st ID Medal of Honor winners during Veterans Day ceremonies in Würzburg, Germany, in 2003.

Spangdahlem
Thursday — Members of the \$2nd Fighter
Wing will perform in ceremonies at the
Meuse-Argonic cemetery in France. A senior
honor guard formation made up of 20 company-grade officers, chief master sergeants and
first sergeants will honor the more than 14,000
Americans who are now buried in the largest
American cemetery in Europe. This unique
honor guard formation as first for \$pangdahl-

em Air Base.

Stuttgart

Thursday – American Legion Post 6 ceremony on Patch Barracks, 11 a.m., including placement of wreaths and salute to veterans. Afterward, Sergeants Association to have a light bar-

becue. Vilseck
Thursday - Celebration sponsored by the VFW, 11 a.m., in building 133, formerly the NCO Club. Free food and drinks.

Webshaden Wednesday — The 1st Armored Division plans a veterans parade with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 27 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, 11 am, om Minue Field. A reception will follow. Gen. H.H. Arnold ROTC color guard will be there. Ceremony will feature a remembrance of veterans of past wars and the laying of wreaths.

Thursday — Ceremony at the Naval Station Rota chapel, 11 a.m.

Reinventing an old tradition





JIM VARHEGYI/Courtesy of the LLS. Air Force

Left: Air National Guard Master Sgt. Glenn Forney of the 113th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., pins a Spouse Pin on his wife, Sandra, during a Pentagon ceremony launching the Spouse Pin program Monday. Above: The pin is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition dating back to World War I, when families hung service flags in their windows displaying a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces.

Deployed airmen first to get new PT uniform

Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - The first airmen to get the Air Force's new physical training uniform will be deployed airmen at the 1 fixed bases within U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, including some in Iraq, according to Air Force officials

Air Force chief of staff Gen. John Jumn er announced a new fitness standard for the Air Force in July 2003, and promised a new PT uniform to go with that standard since the Air Force was the only service without standardized workout gear.

After a year of wear-testing by 300 airmen, Air Force leaders approved this fall the final design of the unisex uniform, which includes dark blue shorts, a gray T-shirt, and a matching, two-piece dark blue nylon running suit with a reflective Air Force logo on the jacket.

The service has yet to set a mandatory wear date for the PT uniforms.

The first shipment of the PT uniforms is on its way to the 18,000 airmen deployed to Southwest Asia who fall under U.S. Central Command Air Forces, or CENTAF, according to 1st Lt. Gary Arasin, a CENTAF spokesman at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

CENTAE is the Air Force branch of CEN-TCOM, the U.S. command responsible for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The reason deployed airmen are getting the PT gear first is because CENTAF's commander, Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, said in June that any airman deployed to an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia would desert camouflage uniforms or workout garb, Arasin said

Limiting and standardizing the clothing airmen could take on deployments, Buchan-an wrote in the policy letter at the time. would "portray a positive military image and ... protect the personnel assigned to this command.

However, because airmen are still allowed to wear whatever they wish to work out in, "people were bringing an entire wardrobe [of athletic gear on deployments] or bringing stuff that was inappropriate like cut-off" shorts. Arasin said. Some of the clothing was so grungy "that it would be questionable here" in the United States, Arasin said, "and it was completely out of line in a foreign country."

So "the best way to remedy the situation was to provide PT gear," that has already been approved by Air Force leaders as modest and appropriate, Arasin said.

Buchanan provided for that solution back in June, saying in his letter that as soon as the official PT uniform was approved, it would be the standard for airmen deployed to CENTCOM.

After approving the PT design, Air Force leaders gave manufacturers the orders to start outfitting CENTAF's deployed person nel. The first shipment of the new PT uniforms went out at the beginning of October, and should start arriving at the 11 un named "fixed bases at forward locations" in mid-November, Arasin said

Go to www.af.mil/news/wear_policy.pdf for guidelines on wearing the new PT uniform

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First Lt. Megan Schafer, from left, Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging during the wear-test phase. The new uniform will be issued to airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years.

USAREUR thanks German military



Lt. Gen William Ward, left, deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe and the 7th Army, greets Maj. Gen. Josef Priller of the Wehrberg ichskommando III during a Force Protection Appreciation reception at the Cantigny Club on Würzburg's Leighton Barracks on Monday. More than 150 people attended the reception thanking the German military, the German Federal Border Police, the German government and the German police for their assistance with force protection since Sept. 11, 2001. The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus rounded out the ceremony with a performance.

Navy officer struck by car in Ukraine

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Strines

A Navy lieutenant commander assigned to the 6th Fleet staff was struck by a car and seriously injured Sunday during a port visit to Sevastopol, Ukraine.

The officer, whose name has not been released, was cycling with a group of other off-duty sailors from the staff and its flagship, USS La Salle, when he was hit by the passing car late SunOne of the sailors in the group,

a Navy corpsman, provided medical assistance to the officer, who was later transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

Cmdr. Cate Mueller, 6th Fleet public affairs officer, said that the officer was seriously injured and will be flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany once stabilized.

Navy and Ukrainian officials are investigating the incident.

The Gaeta, Italy-based 6th Fleet staff and USS La Salle departed Nov. 1 for a monthlong deployment to the Black Sea. They are scheduled to take part in military exercises with forces from Ukraine Rulgaria Romania and Turkey while deployed.

The ship and staff also are expected to make a port visit in Bul-

garia during the deployment.

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World of Barbie exhibition coming to Germany

BY JESSICA INIGO

The World of Barbie tour - with more than 1.000 of the dolls on display — is making its way through Ger-

During the tour, the world famous doll can be seen in her many guises, including her various clothes and facelifts to suit the times; her professional, political, and charitable endeavors: and most recently, in more

At 45, Barbie is still sitting pretty as an American favorite, though Germany had a lot to do with her cre-In 1957, Ruth Handler, who co-founded Mattel and

created the Barbie doll, purchased a Lilli doll while in Germany based on a cartoon strip in the German newspaper Das Bild. The comic strip Lilli was portrayed as a sultry, sexual character aimed at men.

However, Handler wanted the American version to be aimed at the future women of the world.

According to some Web site accounts, Handler is reported as saying she wanted Barbie to represent purity and innocence. It is said. Handler became convinced from watching daughter Barbara play with paper dolls that girls use dolls to act out future roles. In 1959, Barbie, which Handler took from her daughter's nickname, was introduced at the toy fair in New York City.

The rest is history.

And that history can been seen at the World of Barbie exhibition, which is now in Hof, about an hour's drive from Bamberg. The event is being held at the Freiheitshalle in Hof on Wednesday and Thursday. Other locations and dates are:

■ Nov. 17-Dec. 1: Post am Stephansplatz in Hamburg.

■ Dec. 4-Dec. 15: Glaspalast in Augsburg

■ Dec. 18-Jan. 2: Bockenheimer Depot in Frankfurt am Main.

All locations will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 Adult tickets are 9.50 euros and children are 7

euros. There are reduced rates available for family nackages and group tickets.

For more information, go to www.world-of-barbie.de. The Web site, however, is in German, not En-

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U.S. forces battle way to Fallujah's center

At least 16 American troops killed in past two days across Iraq

BY JIM KRANE

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. troops drove into the center of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Tuesday, overpowering small bands of guerrillas with massive firepower. The move against Fallujah prompted influential Sunni clerics to call for a boycott of national elections set for January.

The fighting claimed three American lives — part of a surge in casualties that has killed 16 U.S. troops in the past two days across Iraq. U.S. officials said that on Monday, they recorded 130 separate attacks across Iraq

tacks across Iraq.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi declared a mighttime curfew in Baghdad and its surroundings — the first in the capital for a year — to prevent the insurgents from opening up a "second front" to try to draw

American forces away from Fallujah. Several heavy explosions hit central Baghdad after nightfall Tuesday, followed by the crackle of small arms fire. Armed insurgents, some of them masked, brandished weapons Tuesday in the center of two other Sumi strongholds — Ramadi and Hit — and clashes occurred in Mosul, the major city of northern Iraq.

In Saddam Hussein's hometown, Tikrit, insurgents distributed leaflets warning shopkeepers to close their stores until further notice to protest the attack against Fal-

The latest American deaths over the last two days included three in Fallujah combat on Tuesday, two killed by mortars near the northern city of Mosul and 11 others who died Monday, most of them as guerrillas launched a wave of attacks in Baghdad and southwest of Fallujah.

The 11 deaths were the highest one-day U.S. toll in more than six months.

In Fallujah, however, U.S. troops were advancing more rapidly than in April, when insurgents fought a force of fewer than 2,000 Marines to a standstill in a three-week siege. It ended with the Americans handing over the city to a local force, which lost control to Islamic militants. This time, however, the U.S. military has

This time, however, the U.S. military has sent up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into



Iraqi army troops arrive at the railroad station in Fallujah, Iraq, as the U.S. soldiers and Marines pounded the city with airstrikes and artillery early Tuesday. They roared into the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah through a breach near the railroad station at dawn.

the battle, backed by tanks, artillery and attack aircraft. More than 24 hours after launching the main attack, U.S. soldiers and Marines had punched through insurgent strongholds in the north and east of Fallujah and had reached the major east-west highway that bisects the city.

U.S. commanders said they had still not fully secured the northern half of the city but were well on their way as American and Iraqi troops searched for insurgents house by house and street by street.

U.S. officials offered no estimate of guerrilla losses but before the Monday night attack, the U.S. military reported 42 insurgents killed. Fallujah doctors reported 12 people dead. But since then, there has been no information on Iracii death tolls.

Resistance did not appear as fierce as expected. Small bands of guerrillas, armed with rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and machine guns, engaged U.S. troops, then fell back in the face of overwhelming fire.

Up to eight attack aircraft blasted guerrilla strongholds and raked the streets with rocket, cannon and machine gun fire ahead of U.S. and Iraqi infantry who were advancing only one or two blocks behind the curtain of fire.

During operations before dawn Tuesday, U.S. officers said two giant AC-130 gunships emptied their entire arsenals as they cleared the way for ground troops to advance. Early Tuesday, a helicopter gunship destroyed a multiple rocket launcher aimed at the main American camp outside of Falluish.

"That saved our lives," Col. Michael Formica, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade, told the crew. "We have no idea how many soldiers here were saved by your good work."

Confident U.S. commanders said the operation was running on or ahead of schedule, although they would not say how long they expected the campaign to continue. Iraqi officials designated an Iraqi general to run the city once resistance is broken.

However, the American command said the insurgents had not given up the fight and were massing in the southern half of the city, from which U.S. troops were receiving mortar fire. Some U.S. units were reported advancing south of the main highway but not in strength.

Formica said the security cordon around the city will be tightened to ensure insurgents dressed in civilian clothing don't slip

U.S. officials said few people were attempting to flee the city, either because most civilians had already left or because they were complying with a roundthe-clock curfew ordered by Allawi.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

he Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,133 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 871 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The

figures include three military civilians. The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Monday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19, Poland, 13, Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President
Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 995 U.S. military
members have died, according to AP's
count. That includes at least 762 deaths
resulting from hostile action, according
to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the mili-

- Two Marines were killed Monday when their bulldozer flipped over into
- the Euphrates near Fallujah.

 A U.S. soldier was killed Monday when his patrol came under fire in east-
- ern Baghdad.

 The latest identifications reported by the military:
- Marine Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langley, 20, Lexington, Ky.; killed Sunday in hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- Army Sgt. Carlos M. Camacho-Rivera, 24, Carolina, Puerto Rico; killed Friday in a rocket attack in Fallujah, Iraq; assigned to the 368th Transportation Company, 11th Transportation Battalion, Foot Story, Va.
- Fort Story, Va.

 Army Pvt. Justin R. Yoemans, 20,
 Lufaula, Ala; killed Saturday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his vehicle in Baghdad; assigned to the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas.
- Army Spc. Brian K. Baker, 27, West Seneca, N.Y.; killed Sunday when a vehicle-bomb exploded near his patrol in Baghdad; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

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Insurgents resort to small battles, general says

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Insurgents in Fallujah are now resorting to skirmishing in groups of two to six fighters, with commanders who seem only loosely orga nized, the second-ranking U.S.

leader in Iraq said Tuesday. "Our forces continue to encounter resistance." Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz said from Baghdad via teleconference. The enemy is "fighting in small groups as our forces press the attack

"I personally believe some of the senior leaders have fled, Metz said, including Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of the Iraqi re-sistance forces. "I would hope not, but I would have to believe [the insurgents understand] the combat power we can bring" to

There remain "leaders in Fallu-



fight] to the hest of the ability,' Metz said.

"but they are fighting in very small groups without much coherence to

the defense. I think the enemy is fighting hard, but not to the death, and they are continuing to fall

At the same time, the U.S. Marines, soldiers, and other coalition forces are encountering far fewer improvised explosive devices or IEDs, than they expected

"We are pleasantly enjoying less IEDs than we thought going through preparation and plan-

jah who are ning," Metz said orchestrat- Meanwhile.

Meanwhile, no suicide car bombers have attempted an attack, he said.

"We haven't seen any vehicle-borne IEDs," he said.

While he refused to say how much longer the fight would last. saying that while "I think we're looking at several more days of tough urban fighting," he is also "very pleased with the situation we're facing."

"I would see that the coming days will tell us whether or not the enemy is thickening as he moves back into the city," Metz said. "As the [battle] tempo goes through tonight or tomorrow, we will have a much better feel [for whether it will be a] consistent fight from here on in.

But so far, "All of the coalition force's objectives have been accomplished on or ahead of sched-

With the main battle in Falluiah in its 48th hour when Metz spoke to reporters, the three-star refused to say how many casualties, either enemy or coalition, have died so far in "al Jabar." or "New Dawn" in Arabic.

"Friendly casualties are light," Metz said. "I am pleased by that." Pressed by reporters for more detail, Metz said, "You can count our casualties in certainly a dozen [but] I would not want to characterize it beyond that. I would like to keep it at a figure that is low, and not state it ... because things may go up and fluctuate over time ...

Enemy casualties, meanwhile, "are significantly higher than expected," Metz said, but again resed to estimate number of deaths, saying, "we have not so far in Operational Iraqi Freedom,

nor will we start, body counting But we have imposed significant casualties on the enemy.

Meanwhile, "Iraq forces have performed admirably, as an integral part" of the battle force, Metz said, despite reports Monday by an embedded National Public Radio reporter that one Iraqi unit that was supposed to fight shrank by 500 men who resigned their positions over the weekend.

Metz has been the second-ranking U.S. leader in Iraq since the war, during which he commanded III Corps. He was named to his current position in July.

He made news briefly in March while visiting the Tikrit headquarters of his corps' 4th Infantry Division, saying he be-lieved U.S. troops would be in Iraq until 2006.

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Stryker: The 'ultimate' urban assault vehicle

Bulky fighting machine winning over formerly skeptical soldiers

It's like a light

infantry battalion

on steroids.

Lt. Col. Erik Kurilla

1-24 battalion commander

Editor's note: They rolled in on eight un tracked wheels a year ago, one year after being introduced to the Army. Here's a look at how the Army's Stryker has fared.

> BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripe:

MOSUL, Iraq sk nearly anyone in a Stryker unit and they'll say they weren't too crazy about the eight-wheeled vehicles at first.

Something about rubber tires seemed unlikely to withstand the same beating as a tracked vehicle. The Strykers looked slow

and lumbering. But the naysayers have been converted. After the Strykers' introduction to the Army two years ago, and after a year of

combat experience in Iraq, the vehicles are almost too good to be true, say those who ride them, fix them or command them.

"I was kind of skepti-cal," said Sgt. David Finney, noncommissioned officer

charge of the ground support equipment shop for the 73rd Engineer Company, part of the 1st Brigade,

25th Infantry Division. "I was used to working on tanks. I saw the tires and thought, 'what are you going to do with broken tires?' But it's surpassed everything I've expected," he said. "It's definitely saved lives. The Strykers can take a

pretty big hit and get back on the road auickly. In October, a car bomb packed with 500 pounds of explosives hit a Stryker in Mosul. It killed a soldier and pummeled the vehicle

The Stryker was back on the road in six

"Strykers are extremely durable vehicles," said 1st Lt. Eric James Joyce, battalion maintenance officer for the 1st Battal-, 24th Infantry Regiment, with the

The vehicle's heavy armor shelters occupants from blasts and ballistics. Its eight individual wheels have a "run flat" technology that allows them to drive on after being

"I've seen Strykers be hit by an [improvised explosive device] and drive home on eight flats," said Staff Sgt. Lee Hodges, assistant vehicle commander and gunner for the Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron of the 14th Cavalry with the 1-25th, who rode a Bradley in the Persian Gulf War.

"I look at it as the ultimate SWAT vehicle - for urban assault. Strykers are quick, quiet and surprising-

ly nimble, particularly in urban areas. They can drive nearly 70 miles per hour and hold about a dozen fully loaded troops

You can hear a tank from two miles away. You can't hear a Stryker until it's

right next to you, and by then you've got 11 guys on the ground," Joyce said. "It's like our land helicopter. You get there, [do what you have to do,] get back in and go." Stryker units bridge

the gap between heavy armor and light infantry, filling a particular niche in Iraq.

"It's like a light infantry battalion on steroids " said It Col Erik Kurilla 1-24 battalion commander. They can move many troops quickly and

safely and carry significant firepower. In cities, they roll in to create instant roadblocks and fit on roads for urban patrols. In the country, they can travel long distances to patrol vast stretches of western Iraq. The vehicles are also integrated into a

computerized battle tracking system. "It's a whole concept — [and raises] the situational awareness of both blue (friend-

ly) and red (enemy) forces," Kurilla said.

Commanders in the vehicles and back in the operations center can immediately see friendly and enemy forces as well as specific attacks or any other specified detail plotted on a map.



Soldiers from 1-25's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment stand in the hatch of their Stryker after an operation in Mosul, Iraq. The vehicle's agility and security make it effective in urban environments, soldiers say.

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Staff Sgt. Lee Hodges,

assistant vehicle commander

Reconnaissance, Surveillance and

and gunner for the

"Now [we're] able to look on a screen and say 'these guys are friendly,' " Hodges said. "Touch an icon and know who they - not just friendly, but what unit When the 1-25th arrived in Iraq weeks

ago, they inherited the Strykers left behind by their predecessors, the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

The vehicles had endured a year of heavy action, thousands of miles on the roads and the unforgiving extremes of the desert But they were good to

go.
"The vehicles were never an issue for those guys," Joyce Joyce

Civilian mechanics who deploy with the units helped to maintain a 95 percent operational readiness, Kurilla said.

Soldiers say they're impressed by the

Stryker's road worthiness. But many appreciate the security of the vehicle's almost-impenetrable skin.

"They're not worried that 'I'm sitting in a death trap,' " Joyce said. "They can focus on the mission. 44 ... I feel a lot better

whether or not a bullet is going to through.

Soldiers rest more easily knowing no one has died inside a Stryker, and none of the vehicles have been ripped open by bullets

"We are definitely earning our imminent-danger pay. But I feel a lot better leaving [camp] in this," Hodg-es said. "It gives sol-

Target Acquisition Squadron of the 14th Cavalry with the 1-25th diers the peace of mind that when they go out of the FOB (forward operating base),

they have something to rely on.

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Rough riding along the Iraqi Express

Troops speed past danger on a daily supply convoy from Kuwait to Balad

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Sgt. Austin Williams steers his armored Humvee wildly down the busy Baghdad highway, leaning on the horn, doing 50 if he's moving at all.

Sgt. 1st Class Joe Litchard stands in the turret, eyes wide behind goggles, swiveling his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon in search of threats. Riding shotgun, Spc. David Wallace sticks his arm far out the window, waving a baton threateningly toward the edge of the road as the Humvee whizzes past traffic.

"Get out of the way!" bellows the 19-year-old Wallace, ignoring the tobacco plug in his lower lip. "Get out of the way!" Behind them trails a parade of 30 semi-trailer trucks and more armored Humvees, racing just as fast and almost as cravily.

Williams, 34, called "John-o," swerves in front of Iraqi drivers who don't immediately pull over. Up ahead, a white Toyota pickup with a refrigerator in the bed stays in the left lane. blocking his way.

Never slowing, Williams slams into the truck from behind — boom! — shoving it out of the way.

Turning around, Wallace looks at a passenger behind him and says, "This is where we make our money." Welcome to the Iraqi Express, the daily cowboy convoy carrying spare truck parts from Camp Navistar, on the Kuwait-Iraq border, to Logistical Support Area Anaconda, the Army's central supply depot at Balad Air Base. 50 miles north of Baghdad.

"This is hard, hard dirty work," said Lt. Col. Jim Sagen, commander of the 106th Transportation Battalion, which oversees all the companies that operate the Iraqi Express. "It's as tough as any infantry exercise, and it's dangerous."

For a crew of truckers from the 1487th Transportation Company of the Ohio National Guard and their fighter escorts from the 518th Gun Truck Company, Halloween starts with a pre-dawn wakeup call and a to-go breakfast of meat-and-cheese biscuits washed down with Coke. They line up their trucks as the sun rises.

As on every trip, they'll work a six-day cycle: two days to Balad, two days back home, one day to fix trucks, and one day of

The Halloween convoy started 30 minutes late because an earlier convoy drew rifle fire in Safwan, a crossroads town just two miles across the border known chiefly to soldiers for the children begging for food or toys.

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STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Austin "John-o" Williams, left, of the 518th Gun Truck Company, consults with the commander of the Iraqi Express, Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, during a stop in southern Iraq. The Iraqi Express is a daily convoy that hauls needed parts along an increasingly dangerous route from the Iraq-Kuwait border to Balad.

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Boredom, chaos split time during two-day journeys

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Strings

Until last spring, the Iraqi Express was a sleepy supply run that gave the soldiers and the contractors who drove it nothing

worse than hemorrhoids.
But the constant threat of roadside explosives, rocket-propelled
grenades and car bombs all
across Iraq have turned this
war's supply lines into the front
lines. The Iraqi Express still offers nod-inducing hours of boredom, but they are punctuated by
short stretches of wide-eyed fear.

Running the Express — a daily spare-parts truck convoy from Camp Navistar, Kuwait, to LSA Anaconda in Balad, Iraq — is the work of the 1486th and 1487th Transportation companies from the Ohio National Guard, which now are filled with seasoned veterans after eight hard months.

"Some days, everything seems to flow and run extremely smooth," said Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, 29, a convoy commander for the 1487th. "Some days, everything goes wrong."

The Iraqi Express is one of two convoys running to Anaconda with supplies from the Theater Distribution Center at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

The first one, the Sustainer Push, fills everyday needs such as fuel. ice. water. mail. motor oil and paper. Contractors from the Halliburton subsidiary KBR drive the trucks, which are escorted in steps by military units as

troops are free to do the job.
The Iraqi Express hauls supplies that unit commanders in
Iraq need fast. If a battalion in Samarra needs a new transmission
to put a Bradley fighting vehicle
back in action, odds are good it
would arrive from Arifjan on the
Iraqi Express.

A mix of contract (white) and Army (green) trucks haul the supplies to Navistar, a dusty, fly-rid-den truck stop of a camp two miles south of the Iraq border. It is home to more than 1,000 troops, most of them from Guard or Reserve units like the 1486th and 1487th transportation companies.

The Iraqi Express never came under hostile fire until March, just as the two Ohio companies took over from another unit.

The trucks traveled with few guns and no armor. But as the insurgency raged in April, bomb and grenade attacks picked up, and kidnappers began snatching and killing contract truck drivers.

The attacks have spread south in the past three months as the rebellion has widened, truckers said. Now they don't feel safe anywhere in Irao.

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Express: Danger rises as rebellion spreads to south

EXPRESS, FROM PAGE 7

It used to be the eight-hour voyage to Camp Scania, a truck-stop camp 58 miles south of Baghdad, that caused little stress because it passed through the peaceful Shiite section of Iraq.

But attacks have spread south in the past three months as the rebellion has widened, truckers said. Now they don't feel safe anywhere in Iraq

Along the six-lane highway the Army calls Main Supply Rout Tampa, the 69-mile unpaved section the truckers call "dirty Tampa" causes extra jitters. That rough road boosts the chances of breakdowns and kicks up dust that makes it harder to see enemies.

The first day's drive passes without incident, with the convoy rolling into Scania midaftermoon. That evening, though, the convoy commanders deliver bad news: Instead of their usual pre-dawn departure, they'll be leaving for Anaconda at 7:30, behind other Baghdad-bound convoys.

That means the Iraqi Express will pass through the treacherous Main Supply Route Sword, a 12-mile stretch of divided highway in a ratty part of Baghdad's western suburbs, at midmorning. They'll be driving in heavy traffic instead of before dawn, making them more vulnerable to unplanned stops — and attacks.

The next morning, frustration starts less than half an hour after leaving Scania as the Express is forced to stop at a Bailey bridge (an Army replacement for one blown up by insurgents) behind a cautious National Guard convoy on its maiden Iraq mission.

"We'll sit out here all ... day," griped Williams, in the thick drawl of his native North Carolina. "We've been mortared out here before"

The Express nudges its way across the bridge ahead of the slower convoy and then barrels on toward Baghdad. At 11 am, it exits onto Sword and soon hits thick traffic. Williams honks, dodges, weaves and smashes while Litchard glares and Wallace hollers.

Iraqi drivers scowl in angry fear. The soldiers don't care. Guerrillas use cars to block convoys so they can get a better shot.

"If you get a convoy slowed down, you are going to get hit," Litchard says later. "We just can't slow down."

Later, a voice shouts over the radio: "Shots fired! Shots fired!" The speeding convoy climbs up

an exit ramp and back onto Tampa. With the road slickened by rain and oil, Williams struggles to keep control.

Then the radio crackles again.

"Regulator 3 has flipped over!" barks an urgent voice, using the call sign of a gun truck near the rear of the convoy.

Williams grinds to a ston jumps

Williams grinds to a stop, jumps out, grabbing his rifle, and halts oncoming traffic. Wallace shouts into the radio, calling for a medevac helicopter. Twenty minutes



DAVID TIPPETT/Courtesy of the U.S. Arm

An armored Humvee from the 518th Gun Truck Company flipped over on a rain- and oil-slickened Baghdad highway last week, causing a dangerous delay to the Iraqi Express spare-parts convoy. One soldier broke his arm, and three others escaped uninjured.

later, it lands on the highway while two Apache attack helicopters hover menacingly nearby.

The overturned Humvee is almost a mile to the rear. The front of the convoy waits tensely for word on casualties.

Today the news is good. The driver, Spc. James Gregory, 20, and two of his passengers, Cpl. Ryan Swenson, 25, and Capt. David Tippett, 49, all are uninjured.

The gunner, Sgt. Steven Lourigan, 26, suffers a broken arm. He'll rejoin his unit in a day or two, after a short stay at a combat support hospital in Baghdad He is the 1487th's first casualty in six months of Iraqi Express trips, Staff Sgt. Dan Miller, commander of the Iraqi Express spare parts convoy. says.

The soldiers swarm around the

vehicle and pick up everything (except some bottles of Gatorade, which are handed to some nearby middle-school age Iraqi boys).

Anything left behind must be torched or blown up so the enemy can't use it. The Humvee is flipped upright and towed away by a "bobtail," Army-speak for a truck cab that's not pulling a trailer. Within an hour, the convoy is ready to

A military policeman from the 10th Mountain Division who stopped to help tells some of the soldiers they are lucky. A few hundred meters behind them is a much nastier neighborhood. If the crash had happened there, the convoy almost certainly would have been attacked. Williams blames the crash on

their overburdened vehicles, made top-heavy by the add-on armor and roof gun mounts. He wishes the 518th Gun Truck drove some of the brand-new M1114-model armored Humvees parked at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, waiting for delivery to Irao.

"I'll bet you a month's salary, in an 1114 this wouldn't have hap-

pened," he says.
After the wild ride through western Baghdad, the rest of the trip to
Anaconda is cake. The soldiers
leave off their cargo in a truck
yard. Tonight, there'll be showers,
hot chow and some rack time.

Sitting on cots in their sleep shed that night, they swap stories, and congratulate each other on getting through alive.

Tomorrow, they'll rise before dawn and tie down their Kuwait-bound cargo for the perilous journey back to Navistar.

The Iraqi Express will roll gain.

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Convoy: 'We are a tough bunch to tangle with'



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CONVOY, FROM PAGE 7 "It's worse." Miller said. "The

attacks are up. They're finding more serious ways to attack, with the car bombs and everything." Although troops spend most of their time driving through some of Traq's roughest neighborhoods, as

a Kuwait-based unit they weren't eligible for armored Humvees. "We've escorted [armored] Hummers, but we don't have them ourselves," said Sgt. 1st Class Joe

ourselves," said Sgt. 1st Class Joe Litchard, 33, a gun truck driver. "We don't get the high-speed stuff the 3rd Infantry Division or 2nd Infantry Division get," added Sgt. 1st Class Stephan Mikes, 37, of Columbus, Ohio. "We make do

with what we've got."
So they formed the 518th Gun
Truck Company, a provisional
unit manned with volunteers
from the other National Guard
companies

The units scrounged up armor kits and fortified their Hummers with "hillbilly armor." They bulked up a five-ton truck with steel plates, painting the front with a fierce-looking open mouth and giant teeth.

"One of our convoys is not an idle target," said Lt. Col. Jim Sagen, commander of the 106th Transportation Battalion, which oversees convoy operations out of

Navistar. "You have five very veteran truck companies, heavily armed. We are a tough bunch to tangle with."

The armor, soldiers say, covers up problems. These Hunwes put on 700-800 miles a week in punishing desert conditions while carrying far more weight than they were meant to. Breakdowns occur often. When they happen on the road, they put soldiers' lives in peril. "It's a constant uphill battle to

keep the trucks running," said Cpl. Ryan Swenson of the 518th, a 25-year-old college student from Germantown. Ohio.

In spite of the constant danger, no soldiers or civilians have been killed on the Iraqi Express. The soldiers who run it say that's because of their pit-bull attitude.

"Part of our key to success is to maintain an extremely aggressive posture," Litchard said. "We engage the enemy."

Two weeks ago, they did just that. On Oct. 18, the Iraqi Express rolled through Main Supply Route Sword, the Army name for a 12-mile stretch of divided highway in a run-down part of Baghdad's western suburbs.

The convoy rolled up to an overpass, where another unit had stopped traffic to investigate a roadside bomb. Forced to stop, the 518th gun truckers started climbing out to secure the area.

Suddenly two rocket-propelled grenades sailed past them and slammed into the overpass. From a two-story yellow-brown house

across the highway came a hail of automatic weapons fire. In moments they pulled their trucks into position and sprayed the house with bullets from their M249 Squad Automatic Weapons and M16s. In less then two minside, soldiers found eight dead insurgents, and bood trails indicating the convolve of the position of the convolve of the position of the care of the mone of the careo was damased.

"We didn't talk on the radio, we just did it," Swenson said. "It all came together like clockwork." It felt terrific to shoot back at

It felt terrific to shoot back at an enemy who rarely steps out of the shadows, soldiers said.

"I was shaking in the turret. When it was over, I said 'I can't believe we just did what we did,' "recalled Sgt. Steven Lourigan, 26, a dive-shop owner from Summerville, S.C. "It was a big stress relief to actually get some frustration out."

"It could have been a really bad day," added Mikes, who commanded the gun trucks that day. "Luckily, it turned out OK."

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IN THE STATES

Bush visits wounded troops at Walter Reed

By TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Precident Bush is paying a bedside visit to soldiers wounded in Iraq as American forces suffered the highest one-day U.S. death toll in more than six months amid fierce battles for control of Fallujah.

A week after the election that gave him a second term. Bush was turning from personnel decisions for his Cabinet and staff to go to Washington's Walter Reed Army Medical Center, accompanied by his wife, Laura. Bush was to see between 50 to 55 soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. On his last visit in March,

the president awarded Purple Hearts to eight soldiers.

The U.S. toll in Iraq has surpassed 1,100, and 11 Americans died on Monday alone. Three more were killed Tuesday in Fallujah. "We are forever grateful to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom." White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "They are serving for an important cause and a free Iraq will help transform a dangerous region of the world and make America more secure. We mourn the loss of all of our fallen."

Bush reviewed developments in Iraq in a meeting Monday with Defense Secretary Donald H.

The secretary later would not say whether he wants to continue in his job in Bush's second term and said the matter hasn't been discussed in postelection meetings. Rumsfeld aides said they expect him to remain for the start of Bush's new term, although whether he aims to stay the full four vears is unclear.

Other possibilities for the top Pentagon job include Sen. John Warner, R-Va.; national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, who has told associates she plans to resign; and John Lehman, a former Navy secretary and Republican member of the Sept. 11 commisnounced for Bush's second term the president will keep Andy as White House chief o staff. An unflappable veteran of the Reagan and first Bush presidencies, Card is admired for his work ethic, steady hand and

Keeping Card aboard is "a real pin strike for the president," said Nick Calio, Bush's former liaison to Capitol Hill. "He is a very, very solid leader; he is one of the most capable people I have ever met or worked for in my entire life; and he manages without ego and solely on behalf of the president."

Another former staff adviser. Jay Lefkowitz, said Card "makes tive from all relevant people on staff on any particular issue."

"The Chief," as Card is known at the White House, was appointed four years ago this month, even before the 2000 recount was resolved. He told The Associated Press in a February 2001 interview that he normally arrived at work at 5:30 a.m. and stayed until the president had retired for the night. Aides say Card, 57, continues that schedule nearly four years later.

"There's a certain comfort walking into the West Wing when it's still dark out, and seeing the light in Andy's office on," said Adam Levine, a former assistant White House press secretary.

Court rules Gitmo detainees entitled to hearings to determine POW status

By PAISLEY DODDS The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba - A U.S. federal court has ruled Osama bin Laden's driv-er was entitled to a hearing to determine whether he is a prisoner of war, a landmark decision that throws into question plans to try alleged terrorists as enemy combatants

U.S. authorities consider all 550 detainees at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay "enemy combat-ants." a status that affords them fewer legal protections than prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions. The prisoners from more than 40 countries have been held for nearly three years, but few have had access to attorneys and only four have been charged

U.S. District Judge James Robertson's ruling in Washington on Monday halted the pretrial proceed-ings for Salim Ahmed Hamdan, 34, of Yemen, after his lawyers filed a petition challenging his status as an enemy combatant and the commission's jurisdic-

The Justice Department said it would seek an immediate stay of the ruling and appeal it. Hamdan was taken captive in Afghanistan and

held there for six months before being transferred to the U.S. outpost where he was kept in solitary confinement for eight months.

He is one of the four enemy combatants who has been charged. He faces charges of conspiracy to commit war crimes, murder and terrorism but says he never supported terrorism. He was to have been the first detainee tried in the commissions, or trials, Robertson's decision was the first time a federal

court halted legal proceedings before U.S. military commissions, resurrected from World War II. No trials have been held, although tentative trial dates for three other detainees have been offered.

The judge rejected the U.S. government's contention that Hamdan and other detainees are not prison-

ers of war but enemy combatants.

Hamdan was declared an enemy combatant last month by a review tribunal during a hearing from which his lawyer was harred

"Unless and until a competent tribunal determines that petitioner is not entitled to protections afforded prisoners of war under Article 4 of the Geneva Convention ... he may not be tried by military commis-Robertson said in his ruling. "There is nothing in this record to suggest that a competent tribu-nal has determined that Hamdan is not a prisoner of war under the Geneva Conventions.

The court also ruled that unless the military comission guidelines are changed to conform to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Hamdan cannot be tried by the commissions.

Robertson also ruled Hamdan has the right to confront witnesses that may have given evidence and

has a right to see the evidence against him.

The commission rules state defendants can only ee the unclassified evidence.

If the Guantanamo detainees are ultimately determined to be prisoners of war entitled to trial by court-martial, they would have available to them different standards for evidence and could appeal up to the Supreme Court.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the government would appeal the ruling on the grounds that the Geneva Conventions do not apply to members or affiliates of al-Oaida.

America's Main Street



First lady Laura Bush speaks at a ceremony reopening Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House as Washington, D.C., Mayor Anthony Williams, obscured by podium, looks on Tuesday in Washington,

Congress unprepared for terrorist attacks former Clinton White House coun-

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The Associated Press

trol the Capitol armed with rifles and wearing biological, chemical and radioactive attack gear. One senator was so concerned

about the terrorist threat that he temporarily shut down his office during the recent pre-election re-But more than three years after

Sept. 11, 2001, Congress has yet to decide how it would respond to a catastrophic event that kills or incapacitates many or most of its

"The Capitol building has to be

one of the prime targets in the world," said Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., a crusader for better congressional preparedness. "But we have yet to make true provisions either for congressional continuity or presidential succession.

"It's an immense disappointment to me," said Norm Ornstein, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and senior counselor to the Continuity of Government Commission, a nonpartisan group formed in 2002 to study how to keep Congress functioning after a disaster

The commission, led by former Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., and sel Lloyd Cutler, concluded that Congress must amend the Constitution to ensure its survivability in an age of terror.

The problem is more with the

The 17th Amendment, ratified in 1913, allows governors to temporarily appoint replacements to empty Senate seats until special elections can be held. But the Constitution requires that House va-cancies be filled by direct elec-

That, many warn, could lead to a lengthy legislative void if a ma-jority of members are killed or incapacitated in an attack and it takes months to stage elections to replace them.

Airlines agree to new EPA drinking water tests

 $WASHINGTON - New \ water \ quality \ inspections \ on \ airliners \ were \ initiated \ Tuesday \ by \ the \ Environmental \ Protection \ Agency \ in \ respectively.$ sponse to the discovery of coliform bacteria in the drinking water of one in every eight planes it tested.

The agency said it will randomly test 169 domestic and international assenger aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and will publish the results in January.

In addition, EPA announced that 12 major airlines have agreed to conduct more tests of their own on aircraft drinking water and disinfection procedures.

Pilot ejects before military jet crashes

LAS VEGAS — A Virginia-based Navy pilot ejected moments before his jet crashed Tuesday near Nellis Air Force Base, military officials

The single-seat F-18 went down at 9 a.m. about 15 miles north of the base, according to a statement released by the Air Force. The pilot was rescued and taken to a base hospital, where his condition was unknown. The Air Force was investigating the cause of the crash.

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Inspiration column good idea

I recently read "Keep religion out of pa-ers" (letter, Oct. 22), a response to the

need for an inspiration column. I thought how wonderful it would be to have such a column. I don't know if Stars and Stripes has a policy against it, but I think that it would be an awesome idea

The letter writer said that if Stripes did have such a column, it would be biased, exclusive and prejudiced. What the writer fails to realize is that it would be if the paper were to choose only Christian columns to

publish. In our religion we are to be disciples of God, and as Christians we feel it to be both duty and honor to save our friends and fami ly from eternal damnation. It saddens my heart that people choose to worship false gods or, even worse, believe in nothing at

In America, Christianity is in the majority and that was what that great continent was founded on. It astounds me that a minority has been able to speak louder than a majority and extract God from almost everything. If you look at the statistics beginning as early as the 1960s when God was beginning to be ripped from schools, that is where all our violence, drugs, even divorces and broken homes started

But as a Christian, I realize that this is all inevitable; it says so in the Bible. I only hope that all us can choose to follow God before His son comes. This is where most would say: "May God bless America," but, actually He has time and time again, and it is time for America to bless God.

Sgt. Phillip Grauel Camp Taji, Iraq

PCS'ing family offers thanks By the time this is published, I will most

likely be back in the United Sates. My story is unusual, but I need to thank a lot of neo ple and organizations.

On Sept. 29, I signed out of my unit in Heidelberg, Germany, to make a perma-nent change of station move to Italy. My wife had to stop at her doctor's office on the way out. While there, we were given the news that she had cancer and had to be operated on within two weeks. With our furniture packed and no home, we headed to

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Italy. I signed into my unit, did one week of inprocessing, and then took my family back

to Heidelberg for the operation at a German hospital My wife had her operation, but had complications, which required a second proce-dure. I had to return to Italy to avoid pay problems from being on TKA and tempo

rary duty at the same time. When I returned to Italy, the doctors made a decision to move us back to the United States to a major medical facility - talk about major adjust-I'd like to say thanks to all those who have

helped us through this so far: Heidelberg Family Housing: Jane Overstreet, for helping us get temporary housing while my wife recovers; Inga and Lesley from Patient Liaison in Heidelberg Hospital, who helped us fill out German hospital forms and visited my wife almost daily - what a great service by two very busy ladies visiting U.S. patients in German hospitals; Army Community Services loan closet for having the basics there for us; Italy's inprocessing center, Staff Sgt. Wynn and Mr. Barningham for letting me use their phones and computers to make PCS arrangements; the Italy G-1, Pat McClean, for helping me with orders; Col. Trotta, commander, Vicenza Health Clinic for frank and honest opinions on what was

best for me and my family for health care; and, finally, to my new boss, Col. Prysler, SETAF G3, who gave me the freedom to take care of my family. I'm sorry I can't deploy with you and I appreciate all that you did for us. Gen. B.B. Bell, you have some great peo-

ple out there trying to do the right thing. Thanks for setting the standard.

Lt. Col. Rand A. Rodriguez Vicenza, Italy

Soldiers should be punished

This is in response to the article "Expert: Army not likely to punish troops for refus-ing supply mission" (Oct. 19).

The whole situation disgusts me. The fabric of the military would crumble if no pun-ishment is handed down to those soldiers. We cannot expect to win the war on terrorism if we do not have total faith in those leaders appointed over us. There is no reason for a soldier to refuse an order. These sol-diers say they had a reason but I say they had an excuse.

The soldiers involved in this incident should receive the most severe punishment the military can hand down. If nothing is done, a precedent will be set from which the military will never recover. Imagine a mili-tary where the soldiers do not have to do what they are told

Sgt. Sean Venckus ictory Base, Iraq

Flag patch in wrong place

I agree wholeheartedly with "Flag patch is wrong" (letter, Nov. 4), about the placement of the flag on the uniform sleeve and that it shouldn't be placed below another patch.

When I first heard that all soldiers would wear the flag regardless of duty station, I as sumed the regulations would be changed and that the flag would not be moved from the top of the sleeve. Perhaps the people who make the decisions on these matters simply overlooked this matter. I think the ous fix to this question is long past due and that the responsible agency should an-nounce a change immediately. The flag should be restored to its rightful place of honor. Sgt. 1st Class Les Kolden

Logistical Support Area Adder, Iraq

Higher education, even higher price

The Providence (R.I.) Journal

or the second straight year, the cost of getting a college education at a public school has risen dramatically. According to a yearly survey by the College Board, the average price climbed 10.5 percent this year, augmenting last year's 13 percent increase at a time of about 2.5 percent inflation. The average tuition bill now stands at \$5,132.

Costs at private schools and community colleges are up as well. The average private college now costs more than \$20,000 a year, up about 6 percent over last year. Community-college bills rose roughly 9 percent, to a little over \$2,000.

Americans are rightly alarmed by such news. A college education has become an important ticket to a secure economic future. Yet, with college looking increasingly unaffordable, many in the middle class, and especially students from low-income families, now see [it] as beyond reach.

To an extent, scholarships, tuition tax credits and loan programs have come to the rescue. But at state schools, the burden is in creasingly shifting away from public support and onto the backs of students. At the same time, a long-standing tradition of need-based aid has eroded. The merit-based aid that has replaced it favors upper-income and suburban students...

Congress and the states can do more to fortify these programs, and to spread the word. But it is also important for the states to renew their commitment. Many states have cut their appropriations in recent years. Such decisions are understandable but shortsighted. As the global economy becomes more technologically based, the well-being of the United States will depend more than ever on an educated people.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury









OPINION

Team Bush got its use out of 'moral values'

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

ear rural/exurban Christian conservarieve voters: Congratulations
on your election victory. By going
numbers Nov. 2, you overwhelmed an enormous Democratic turmout and returned
President Bush to office, along with a number of very conservative senatures. Now Bush
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Oh, wait. You didn't particularly hanker for those things, did you? The election is so far in the past now that it has receded into a hazy memory. But as I recall, you voted for Bush because of his position on one issue—he opposes gay marriage—and on the general principle that he is a godly man who shares your values. Now Bush has decided, conveniently enough, that those values are identical to those of his wealthy financiers.

Bush is claiming the election as a mandate. There are, however, a couple of ways to interpret that. The conventional meaning is that a candidate gained office by promising to do a certain thing. Ronald Reagan in 1980 had a mandate to cut taxes and bolster the military.

Bill Clinton in 1992 had a mandate to raise taxes on the rich, expand health care, reform welfare. Those were the central promises of the two campaigns.

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Bush uses the word somewhat differently.
As he told reporters Thursday, "I earned capital in the campaign — political capital —

and now I intend to spend it."

What that means is that all you small-town folk voted for him not to pursue an agenda but just because he embodies family values. That gives him political power that he can

use for purposes utterly unrelated to the source of his popularity. Sure, Bush mentioned some of these purposes in the campaign. But the references tended to be perfunctory and in code. Start with taxes.

Though Bush talks about tax "simplification," he doesn't seriously believe it. He has littered the tax code with complicated new provisions, including a fudicrous corporate tax bill stuffed with special provisions for susage producers, foreign dog-race gamblers and the like. Simplification really means making the tax code fatter—i.e. less progressive. He doesn't care about making taxes simpler, he just wants rich people to pay a smaller share of them. There's little evtience to suggest small-town Othioans defined the properties of the properties of the time of the properties of the properties of the time of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the properties of the properties of the proting of the properties of the prop

On Social Security, Bush was just as evasive. Here, again, the tiny minority of people who closely follow this understood his code words.

He wants to divert Social Security taxes into private accounts. Because those taxes pay for the benefits of current retirees, his plan would require cutting benefits or driving the national debt even higher.

Bush, of course, went to great pains to distance himself from these umpleasant facts. In 2001, he appointed a commission that proposed three plants to partly privatize Social Security, but he declined to embrace the panied from the property of the second to the property of the second to prove the clerchion, a New York Times Magazine story reported that Bash told GOP donors he planned to push privatization after the electronic part of the plants o



charge that he favored privatization or benefit-cutting as a "false, baseless attack."

Here's what Bush said Thursday, "I had asked [Daniel Patrick Moynihan], prior to his passing, to chair a committee of notable Americans to come up with some ideas on Social Security, and they did so. And it's a good place for members of Congress to start."

Got that? Last week, if you had described Bush as advocating the commission's plans, he would have denounced you for promoting a hysterical lie. Now they are at the top of the list of things he's saying he was elected specifically to enact.

Meanwhile, what about opposing gay mar-

riage, the one mandate Bush might legitmately claim? Earlier this year, Bush barely lifted a finger in support of a constitutional amendment banning it. Compare this to the furious arm-twisting he performs to get modcrates to back his tax cuts). If he has a mandate to do anything, it's to bring up the control of the base and the control of the control of the control of the control of the mig about doing so, and nobody expects him to. No surprise there — it's hardly in the Re-

publican Party's interest. If gay marriage is banned everywhere, what's going to bring all those heartland conservatives to the polls next time?

Jonathan Chait is a senior editor at The New Republic. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Today's officeholders put stat sheets over progress

By B. JAY COOPER

here have you gone. Tip O'Neill'O for for that matter, Bob Michel, Mike Mansfield, Bob Dole, Howard Baker and George Mitchell' In your day, we could depend on the leaders of our two major parties in the Congress to do what was — at least, most of the time — best for the majority of Americans and their families. You'd have your rhetorical and ideological battles. Sure, we needed that. But, when you had to, you worked out your differences and came to a compromise that didn't give either side the whole loaf, but allowed everyone to come away with a few slices.

Democrats or Republicans couldn't claim a clear victory, but the American people normally could.

What happened to those days? Now, with the 2004 election over we're probably right back where we started from. There'll be a honeymoon period in name but not in reality. The president will amounce his 100-days plan and the senators and congressmen will appland his State of the Union. And, Jul days from the inauguration, if not sooner, we'll be back into a polarized situation with rhetoric winning over governance.

The media will want a winner or a loser, not a gray area, and contribute unwittingly to the polarization that their editorial pages will then heatedly demand be ended immediately. And we will get little progress on the major issues of the day.

Remember when a congressman from a small state all of a sudden would appear in a national news story brokering a resolution to a complicated problem? When's the last time you read a story like that? Now it's toe the party line or don't get that choice committee assignment; or preferred redistricting; or the vitally needed visit by top party leaders to raise money. We've got a bunch of men and women we

elect who would rather look good losing than compromising and moving an issue down the road.

This isn't to say that today's leaders aren't smart, well-intentioned folks with some good ideas. But when it comes time to get the job done the process hits a wall.

Ronald Reagan stood strong in his beliefs.

Everyone knew what his principles were and where he wanted to take the country. But he didn't take his ball and go home when he didn't get his way. He worked things out.

Some anti-Reagan pundits can rewrite history and say he was a "my way or the highway" kind of guy. But the record doesn't show that.

The record shows that Congress passed major —even landmark —legislation in his two terms. There was griping, sure — that's politics and the posturing that comes with it. But there were negotiations. Remember the big budget negotiations, for example, when congressmen fought to be on the negotiating teams? When's the last time you saw that process used? Where did we go wrong? I'm not sure wed did. We have seen a very-right wing take over the Republican Party's structure and policy-making. But they earned it ... They did the grass-roots work that politics calls for to gain power.

The same thing has happened in the Democratic Party, where labor and other groups did the work and won the spoils, where Hol-

lywood types can gain the spotlight at key times to push their agendas. After all, they can raise a lot of money and grab a lot of headlines and then just as easily fade back into their movie roles and concert tours....

But where are the men and women who close a deal and remember that one key rule of negotiations is trying not to make the other person look bad even if they aren't getting everything they want? Both sides could walk out of the conference room with dignity and something for their constituencies. It wasn't that long ago we had that quality

of person in politics.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Takes few steps to set up an elite inbox in Outlook

Q. I would like to know if there is a way within Outlook Express, or with some other software, to set up my e-mail rules so that only mail from those e-mail addresses in my address book is delivered to my inbox. And, more important, those messages from people not in my address book don't get

It seems this would be an easy program to develop, and I think it would be the answer to spam, etc.

 Mark Spall @cox.net A. Let me walk you through the steps needed in Microsoft Outlook Express 6, the most recent version, to do roughly what you want, Mr. S.

You are right on the money in concluding that one can avoid almost the entire spam problem simply by creating a so-called white list that only accepts people in one's Windows address book

Click on Tools in the Outlook Express main display and select Message Rules. This brings up wizard prompts that walk one through creating rules for handling incoming mail and then implementing them

The wizard amounts to filling in a form stating various conditions and then using two other forms below the first for ordering actions and defining each condition that will trigger the rule. In your case, the rule is to set aside all messages from peo-

ple in your address book and ignore all others Start by putting a check mark in the first box in the rules wizard list, which specifies how to handle messages with people in the From line in each mes-

Now look at the bottom box, and you will find the words "contains people" highlighted. Click on the highlight, and you get a box that will let you enter

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the names, one by one, of people who send messag

This tool also has an Address Book button that lets a user call up the address book that is part of Win-

You can go through the address book and pick individuals or just select them all.

Now look at the box in the center of the three for the actions to be taken when messages from the selected people come in. Check the action

"Move to Specified Folder." This brings up a display of folders, including a button for making a new folder.

You will want to create a folder with a distinctive name and then open it instead of using the conventional Outlook inbox each time you use the software. The rules in Outlook Express stop short of letting you move stuff from that address-book white list into the default inbox that always opens when the mail software is started.

Now that you know this drill, you can go back and do other rules, such as automati cally deleting stuff from unapproved senders or sending that stuff to yet another spe-

cial set-aside folder in case you later want to check out what's been coming in but not seen. Since the software executes rules in the order they are written, it is possible to set up a second rule that sends everything that arrives to the delete folder.

People with other versions of Outlook Express and with Microsoft Outlook will find the rules tools are very much like those described here

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Movie industry cracking down on film piracy

BY FRANK AHRENS The Washington Post

WASHINGTON movie industry announced last week that it will launch its first wave of lawsuits later this month against those it alleges are illegally sharing copyrighted films on the Internet, following its peers in the record business, who say their yearlong lawsuit campaign against ille gal song-sharing has deterred

music piracy. The Motion Picture Association of America, which represents major Hollywood studios such as Sony Pictures Entertainment and Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures, plans to file more than 200 suits against computer users who put illegally ob tained movies on Internet peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing services for other users to download and watch for free.

"Illegal movie trafficking represents the greatest threat to the economic basis of moviemaking in its 110-year history," said new MPAA President Dan Glickman, who succeeded longtime MPAA head Jack Valenti in July. "People who have been stealing our movies believe they are anonymous on the Internet, and wouldn't be held responsible for their actions. They are wrong. We know who they are, and we will go after them as these suits will nove '

The suits are likely to follow the recording industry's model of "John Doe" suits, meaning that the movie industry has dis covered the Internet accounts of hard drives where it believes pirated movies are residing, but does not know the names of the holders of those accounts. If the courts allow the suits to go forward, the Internet service providers will have to hand over the names of the account hold-

The suits are the first major act of Glickman's new tenure and mark a fundamental split in philosophy from Valenti, who found filing suits against potential customers, as the Recording Industry Association of America has done, distasteful.

The music industry — mean-ing the four major labels. Universal Music Group, Warner Music Group, EMI Group PLC and the newly merged Sony Music Entertainment and BMG Entertainment - has filed nearly 6,000 lawsuits against users, typically settling for less than \$5,000 each

Within two months of the first lawsuits, the number of unique users on Kazaa - the Internet's largest P2P service and the prime spot for music-sharing dropped by half, according to Nielsen//NetRatings, from 7 million users per week to 3 million

The MPAA said details on which courts the suits would be filed in would be released later in the month.

The movie industry estimates that it loses more than \$3 billion a year in revenue because of illegal movie-sharing on the In-ternet and sales of pirated optical discs. (DVDs and a smaller version of DVDs typically sold in Asia.) The movie industry has launched an anti-piracy campaign modeled after its well-known movie-rating system. A new logo has a capital "I" and reads: "Illegal Down-

loading: Inappropriate for all An MPAA poster shows hundreds of e-mail addresses and Internet addresses and reads: "Is This You? If you think you can get away with illegally trafficking in movies, think again."

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day Subtle workplace sexism

The Associated Press

There's a subtle sexism still common at many companies when it comes to assessing female employees, according to a poll of

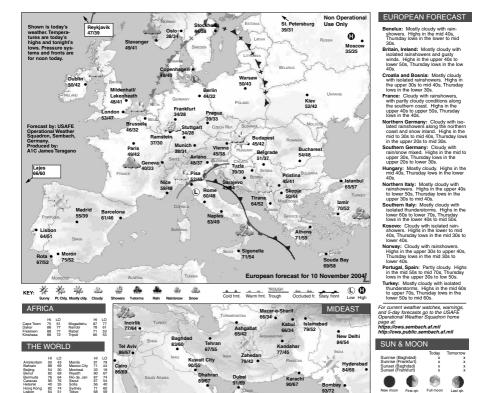
human resource executives. Managers don't give women performance evaluations that are as frank and straightforward as the ones they give to men.

Reversing that trend begins with honest feedback from management, according to 96 per-cent of 1.780 HR professionals polled about the subject. That means giving women the

same assessments as men, said Audra Bohannon, a senior vice president of Novations/J. Howard & Associates, a Boston-based human resource training and consulting firm.

"Management must listen more closely to what women are looking for, and not pull punches when their performance falls short, especially in areas that are not tied to a specific task,' Rohannon said





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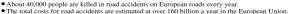
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Dawn of a new Duran Duran

The original Fab Five regroup to release first CD in more than two decades



Duran Duran — from left, John Taylor, Roger Taylor, Simon LeBon, Nick Rhodes and Andy Taylor — she off their Lifetime Achievement award during the MTV Video Music Awards in August 2003 in New York. In the fledgling early days of MTV, Duran Duran were mainstays, with exotic videos such as "Hungry Like The Wolf" and "Rio."

BY REBECCA LOUIE New York Daily News

re's nothing like releasing a rotten record to fuel nostalgia for a band at its bygone peak. In 2000, Duran Duran unleashed the critical and commercial flop "Pop Trash."

"It was a complete disaster. I was thinking, 'How do I get out of this?' " singer Simon

LeBon recalls. He and keyboardist Nick Rhodes were the only members of the hitmaking early 1980s edition of the British group to collaborate on the record

Three years ago, LeBon, in a fit of depression, consulted former Duran Duran bassist John Taylor, who quit the band as it began recording 1997's "Medazza-

"John came un with the rather ingenious brainwave that we get the band together, LeBon says. "It was something I had been thinking about, at least once a day, since

land?

LeBon, Rhodes, Taylor, drummer Roger Taylor and guitarist Andy Taylor (who are unrelated) first reconvened in an office in London. "We sat around a table and started talking." Rhodes

"Within 10 minutes, it was as if all the space between us, over all these years, had melted away. We were arguing about the same things, like where are we going to do the album, when, how, who is going to take care of what? Everybody's character was still intact, for better or for

Though they had not all recorded together since 1983's "Seven and the Ragged Tiger," they composed more than 30 tracks, 13 of which made it onto the recently released 'Astronaut," the first in a four-album deal with Sony.
"It was really quite joyous to be back together," Rhodes

says of the first recording session in the south of France in June 2001. "We all had time to play with other people, and I think we realized the power and chemistry of this line-

That energy was tested when the group reunited for a second recording session in September 2001. The group wrote several somber pieces in response to the Sept. 11.

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Simon LeBon

"The attacks had a profound affect on us," LeBon says. But there is no point on the album where there is hopelessness. We never give up hope as a band. For us, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel."

Named after a character in Roger Vadim's 1968 psychedelic sci-fi movie "Barbarella," Duran Duran formed in Birmingham, England, in 1978. Initially a leading light of the flamboyant New Romantics movement that emerged

Exhausted after a series of sold-out tours, Duran Duran a brief run with singer Robert Palmer in Power Station in 1985 and a less successful one in 1996. Duran Duran also

went on hiatus in 1985. LeBon, Rhodes and drummer Roger Taylor formed Arcadia; John and Andy Taylor had had a mid-1990s comeback with the hits "Ordinary World" and "Come Undone."

from the New Wave, the group, adored by teenage girls, swiftly became a pop phenomenon. This was thanks to the

guys' pinup looks and their clever pop videos for such catchy hits as "Girls on Film," "Rio," and "The Reflex."

"Other acts were never able to get past the 1980s," says Rick Krim, executive vice president of music and talent at VH1. "Madonna survived by being a chameleon, changing with the times. AC/DC hasn't done a single thing

different in 30 years and they may be as big now as they ever were. Duran Duran managed to do a little bit of both. The guys still look great and manage to make contemporary music that sounds like Duran Duran but is not necessarily nostalgic or retro.'

"We've finally gotten to the stage where everybody is acting like they did when they were in their 20s," LeBon "Not in the way that we were up all night taking drugs and chasing women around, but where we just go and do what we have to do to get the job done. It used to be that everyone tried to inspire the other four people as much as they could. That's still there. And [knowing that] makes us a lot more aware of each other and what we can do, making us more tolerant and appreciative as well.'

Actor Busey agrees to pay up

Actor Gary Busey and his landlord have settled a lawsuit filed against the star after he

stopped paying the rent on his Malibu, Calif., home, court officials said. Busey's lawyer, Vicki Roberts, said Saturday the star of "The Buddy Holly Story" handed over a check for

\$30,000 in back rent Under the settlement, the landlord must make repairs to the home, including fixing problems with the ventilation system.

Busey has lived in the modest three-bedroom home with ocean views for more than a decade. He claimed that dust and mold in the ven tilation system affected his breathing and stopped paying



the \$6,000 per month rent when the problems didn't get it fixed

Belushi, Catwoman in neighborhood tiff Actor James Relushi has sued next-door neighbor Julie

Newmar for \$4 million in damages, accusing the actress of a "campaign of harassment" de-

Belushi, 50, claims in the lawsuit filed Nov. 2 that Newmar destroyed a fence and landscaping at the home in the posh Brentwood neighborhood and repeatedly made defamatory statements about him to neighbors and friends

signed to drive him from his Los An-

geles home

The lawsuit also claims that Newmar spied on Belushi's family from her residence and caused a nuisance by playing loud music directed at his backvard



Belushi says the actions of the actress who played Catwoman in the 1960s television series "Batman" caused

emotional distress and harmed his reputation and career. Besides \$4 million in damages, Belushi is seeking an iniunction against the actress and attorneys' fees.

'Polar Express' director honored

Director Robert Zemeckis, traveling on "The Polar Ex-" stopped long enough to pick up a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Zemeckis, who won an Oscar for directing "Forrest Gump," received the 2,268th star Friday.

Frequent collaborator Tom Hanks attended the ceremo-

ny along with hundreds of other fans.

"He is, to film, a visionary," Hanks said. "He is what Paul McCartney is to music

The director of the "Back to the Future" trilogy, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "Cast Away" is known for using pioneering technology to create otherworldly action

"The Polar Express" is no exception. Zemeckis used motion capture computerization.

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IN THE WORLD

Palestinian leader sinks deeper into coma

BY JOHN LEICESTER The Associated Press

PARIS - Yasser Arafat's condition deteriorated dramatically overnight as his coma deepened, but the Palestinian foreign minister said Tuesday he is "still alive" and his brain, heart and lungs are

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said the 75-year-old Arafat was in critical condition. Shaath spoke after top Palestin-ian officials went to the hospital outside Paris where Arafat has

been for nearly two weeks. At a news conference in Paris Shaath said the Palestinian leadership wanted to end rumors and speculation about Arafat's health Media reports have speculated that Arafat had either died or was

"His brain, his heart and his lungs are

still functioning and he is alive.

Shaath said Shaath, re ferring to reports Arafat might be removed from life support, said the possibility of euthanasia has heen "ruled out."



"We don't have a full understanding of why his state has deteriorated, which means we don't have a full diagnosis," Shaath said. He said Arafat's nearly three-year confinement at his headquarters in the West Bank contributed to his deterioration.

Palestinian leaders, mean-while, made preparations for Arafat's eventual death, deciding that he will be buried at the West Bank headquarters, Deputy Parliament Speaker Hassan Khreishe told The Associated Press.

"We formed a committee to handle Arafat's burial in the event of his death, and the burial will be in the Muqata," Khreishe said, referring the Ramallah headquarters by its Arabic name Israel has ruled out a burial in

Jerusalem or the city's West Bank suburb of Abu Dis. A Palestinian official, speaking

on condition of anonymity, said the decision was made by Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and the No. 2 in the Palestinian Libera tion Organization, Mahmoud Abbas, the current caretaker lead-

The official said the Ramallah burial would be considered temporary, until Arafat could be reburied in Jerusalem.

Top Islamic cleric Taissir

Dayut Tamimi said he was rushing from the West Bank to Arafat's bedside at the request of Palestinian officials. Tamimi, the head of the Islamic court in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said he was going to Paris "to be near President Arafat at this crucial time.

A top Palestinian official, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, said Arafat had suffered a brain hemorrhage Monday night at the Percy Military Training Hospital outside

A senior Palestinian official said earlier that Arafat has only hours to live. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was in Ramallah and had been briefed by Palestinian officials in Paris

Abdel Rahim said Palestinian

leaders would meet through the night at Arafat's headquarters "to follow everything and to agree on the details of the required arrangements.

Arafat's wife, Suha, has used French privacy laws to bar access to the Palestinian leader and there have been frequently conflicting reports about his health.

The news of Arafat's deteriorating condition came amid a dramatic dispute between Suha Arafat and Palestinian officials whom she accused of trying to topple the leader after four decades

In an angry outburst, Arafat's wife had accused the leaders of traveling to Paris to try to oust her husband from power and "bury" him "alive."

Shaath said after the visit that the dispute with Arafat's wife was



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Released by fax

AR MARION — An in-mate charged with theft escaped twice in one week, including once after his wife had a forged letter authorizing his release faxed to the jail from a Mc-Donald's, officials said.

Tristian Wilson, 20 was in custody and being treated for a broken leg he apparentsuffered after ing from a second-story window. Officials said he would be charged

with two counts of escape Wilson, originally jailed on theft, forgery and burglary charges, first escaped Oct. 30. Officials said jailers freed him after receiving a letter allegedly written by a detective authorizing his release.

Wilson's wife, Crystal Wilson, 19, and a friend have been charged with forging the letter.

Second chance for mom

SPRINGFIELD — The state Supreme Court has allowed a woman who served a prison term in Florida for the death of her child to regain custody of a 3-year-old boy born after she moved to Illi-

Sheryl Hardy, who served nine years of a 30-year sentence in Florida, has been fighting Illinois for custody for 3-year-old Billy Hardy since he was born.

The Illinois 4th District Appellate Court ruled March 10 that she and her husband, Randy, should re-gain full custody of Billy.

The case stems from the 1989 death of Hardy's 2-year-old son, Bradley McGee, in Florida. Hardy testified that she smoked a cigarette while her former husband. Thomas Coe, punished the boy for soiling his pants by lifting him by his ankles and repeatedly dunking him in a toilet. Bradley died the next day of head injuries

Hardy admitted she also had abused Bradley.

She was convicted of second-degree murder. Coe was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison

Officer behind bars

GA DECATUR — Authorities arrested a man for allegedly kidnapping and attacking a police officer, but after an investiga tion they released the suspect and put the officer behind hars.

Officer Ronald W. Jones was charged with kidnapping and other offenses and resigned from the force, DeKalb County Police Louis Graham said.

Jones, 47, had reported that he arrested Robert Williams on Oct. 31 for loitering, but claimed Williams overpowered him, stuffed him into the trunk of his own police car and drove him to a wooded area, where he tried to kill him. Jones said he managed to draw a knife and stab Williams, who then

Human trafficking

NY CENTRAL ISLIP — A coues of smuggling dozens of illegal immigrants from Peru and forcing them into "virtual servitude" to pay for their passage.

Jorge Ibanez and Maruiluz Zavala, both 43, pleaded guilty in a deal cials.

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with prosecutors to charges that include conspiring to commit forced labor, transporting undocumented workers and providing them with forged green cards.

The couple was arrested during June 21 raids on three houses they owned in Suffolk County, where au thorities found 69 aliens, including 13 children, living in what were described as squalid conditions

Ibanez and Zavala could face more than 7 years in federal prison under the agreement

Car wreck kills 5

ALTAIR — Four high school girls and a toddler died when the vehicle they were riding in lost control and slid into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer, authorities said.

The car's driver, 16-year-old Christina Llanos, and truck driver Dan Thomas Tucker, 52, were the only survivors, DPS spokeswoman Lisa Block said. Both were treated and released.

The crash happened about a mile from Rice Consolidated High School, where the teenage girls were enrolled.

Authorities were working to determine the cause of the accident.

Back in business

MUSKEGON - After an MUSKEGON — early end to its inaugural season. the Lake Express



Ride 'em, cowboy

Colton McVaugh, 2, warms up for a stick rodeo at the Horseshoe at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. The rodeo was a fund-raiser by the Animal and Range Science Graduate Student Association.

high-speed ferry that crossed Lake Michigan in 21/2 hours is getting a rave review from Michigan tourism offi-

The \$18 million ferry began making the 76-mile run between Milwaukee and Muskegon beginning June 1. It has a capacity of 250 assengers and 46 vehicles.

The West Michigan tourism industry has been promoting revival of cross-lake ferry service for decades and had been planning for Lake Express for months. From the community image and summer tourism season perspectives, the efforts were all worth it, they said.

No dice for ex-governor

BATON ROUGE— A federal judge denied former Gov. Edwin Edwards' latest attempt to overturn his 2000 conviction for extorting payoffs in return for riverboat casino licenses.

In a ruling made public, U.S. District Judge Ralph Tyson also declined to throw out the related conviction of Edwards' son, Stephen Edwards, Both men are serving prison sentences in the scheme.

The defense motion, filed in February, claimed in part that the trial's presiding judge was biased against the four-term governor and could have been impaired by strong painkillers taken for a back

Tyson's ruling said the defense "failed to point to any facts that raise a bona fide doubt as to the mental or physical competency of the trial judge."

Alleged discrimination

WA SEATTLE - Security guards in a Seattle-area school district handcuffed black students, twisted their arms and grabbed their hair, the NAACP aleged in a lawsuit.

Black students, who make up 10 percent of the Kent School District's 26,000 students, were subjected to more corporal punishment than others in violation of state constitutional guarantees of equal protection and a law barring corporal punishment in schools, the lawsuit said.

The treatment violated the students' civil rights and damaged their ability to learn, lawyers for the group said.

Becky Hanks, a spokeswoman for the district, said it "rejects any claim that there's been any discrimination or mistreatment.

Outcry over creationism

GRANTSBURG — The city's school board has revised its science curriculum to allow the teaching of creationism. prompting an outcry from more than 300 educators who urged that the decision be reversed

School board members believed that a state law governing the teaching of evolution was too restrictive. The science curriculum "should not be totally inclusive of just one scientific theory," said Joni Burgin, superintendent of the district of 1.000 students in northwest Wisconsin.

Last month, when the board examined its science curriculum. language was added calling for "various models/theories" of origin to be incorporated.



Soaked in the reflections of the setting sun Stealth attack and Florida pines, an alligator swims along the bank of a small pond in Deleon Springs, Fla.



Rankin Henry, 77, of Rochester Hills Friendly greeting Mich., has a close encounter of the furry kind as he is greeted by two inquisitive squirrels during his walk through Rochester Municipal Park on his way to the library.



Spinning in the sun

Fairgoers take a spin on a ride at the Volusia County Fair in Deland, Fla.



Jeff Stewart, of Lynn, Mass., is overtaken Feeding frenzy from a bench at Downtown Crossing in Boston.



Autumn colors The afternoon sun highlights the bright fall colors on a tree in Hart Park in Bakersfield, Calif.



Combine driver Steve Dexter and his dad, Bruce Dexter, harvest corn after a Harvest season delay caused by rainy weather on their farm west of Princeton, Iowa.

Transplants to resume

ALBANY - Patients needing heart transplants can again turn to Albany Medical Center for the operations.

Hospital officials announced that the state Department of Health and the United Network for Organ Sharing, which is federally contracted to run the nation's trans plant system, have cleared the way for the program to reopen.

The hospital shut the program down on Oct. 3, 2003, after a UNOS audit and internal review found the severity of some patients' conditions had been exaggerated in order to move them up the waiting list for a cadaver organ.

A committee of doctors, nurses and administrators will now review each patient's status before the information is sent to UNOS. It was not clear when the next heart transplant would take place.

Steer clear of the flock

MILWAUKEE - Wildlife of young whooping cranes south for the winter are warning people to stay out of their way after an ap parently curious ultralight pilot disturbed the endangered birds.

A team of pilots is leading 14 whooping cranes from Wisconsin to central Florida, using an ultralight plane and even wearing crane-like costumes to minimize the birds' contact with humans.

Last month in Illinois, another ultralight flew about 100 feet behind the researchers' plane, without radio contact, scaring the birds, said Joe Duff, chief executive officer of Operation Migration, who was flying the research plane at the time. "It's when the cranes blast

ahead of the aircraft like that that things become dangerous," because the birds could collide with wires aton the aircraft. Duff told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "The guy was probably nothing more than curious, but that's the last thing I'd do - fly behind or beside another ultralight. The pilot can't see vou.'

Football players sorry

VT EAST MONTPELIER — Three high school football players apologized to a black player at a rival school amid of racism after they

made up a cross bearing the player's name as a prank The Montpelier High School players — one of whom is black -

told Principal Peter Evans they were just getting ready for last homecoming month's game against U-32 High School and wanted to "psyche" out its star running back, Dwight Lipsey.

Evans said the students told him their original idea was to make a tombstone with the letters "RIP on it, but they ended up with a cross from old Halloween decorations, wrote "RIP Dwight" on it and stuck in the football field the day before the game.

E. coli outbreak spreads NC RALEIGH — An outbreak

of E. coli infections linked to last month's state fair may be larger than previously thought. with more than 100 additional cases

under review, health officials. The number of confirmed infections grew to 31, and the state De-

partment of Health and Human Services was investigating 103 more cases.

Department spokesman Bill Furney attributed the additional renorts to heightened awareness among doctors and the public. "We're in a state where we are

looking for it," he said.

The most common link among victims is that some visited a petting zoo at the fair. Many children were infected, including three who developed a serious complication that can cause kidney failure.

The E. coli bacterium can pass to humans who eat contaminated meat or contact animals, manure or contaminated surfaces

Nurse: Test man for HIV

PA PITTSBURGH — A nurse has asked a judge to order a man to take an HIV test because she was accidentally stuck with a needle she used to give him insulin.

According to her petition, filed in Pittsburgh, Kimberly Pitts was stuck with the needle Oct. 31 at Mercy Hospital. The man, who isn't named in the petition, is infected with hepatitis C and used drugs, placing him at a high risk to carry HIV the virus that causes AIDS. but he refused to take the test, the netition states. "This is an unusual circum-

stance. It's the first time in our recollection where a patient refused the test," said Linda Ross, a spokeswoman for Mercy Hospital, which supports Pitts' petition.

Under Pennsylvania law, patients may refuse to take an HIV test but hospitals can test their blood if a doctor agrees there was "significant exposure" to the virus. It's unclear if the hospital has a sample of the patient's blood.

Birders heading south

HARLINGEN — A South Texas wildlife refuge is attracting plenty of new visitors the two-legged variety. About 1,200 bird watching enthu-

siasts have registered for the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival.

Birding enthusiasts from around the country come to South Texas each year to glimpse American rarities like the great kiskadee, the green jay and the chachalaca, said Marci Fuller, the event's chairwoman. Last month, Valley officials opened the World Birding Center, a \$7 million, 2,500-acre complex along the Rio Grande near Mission

Teachers can give candy

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas teachers have been told they can continue to reward students with candy, despite a state battle against childhood obesity in schools.

The Pulaski County School District had told elementary school principals last month that teachers could no longer hand out candy or ice cream as rewards. But state Education Department

director Ken James said no such directive has been approved by the state Board of Education. "We need to be conscious of

what we are doing in terms of sugar content, but we have not dictated to schools that they cannot use those as rewards," James said.

As a result, the district told teachers that they could resume handing out candy.

Stories and photos from wire reports



German Social Democratic Party chairman Franz Muentefering, right, Berlin's Mayor Klaus Wowerelt, center, and Christian Democratic Party chairwoman Angela Morkel lay commemorative wreaths at the wall memorial in the Bernauer Street in Berlin on Tuesday. A ceremony marked the 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Germany marks fall of Berlin Wall

By Tony Czuczka

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germans marked a subdued 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Tuesday, with high unemployment in the formerly communist east and a sense in people's hearts that the nation has not yet fully reunited.

No big celebrations, parades or fireworks recalled Nov. 9, 1989, the day East Germany's communist regime opened the wall almost by accident and set off national euphoria that peaked with German reunification 11 months later.

At a preserved section of the wall in central Berlin, Mayor Klaus Wowereit laid a wreath for the more than 200 East Germans killed while trying to escape to the West during the barrier's 28-year existence.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder issued a statement hailing Nov. 9 as "a day of the triumph of freedom and democracy," and praised East Germans for overthrowing communist rule peacefully.

But a former East German pro-democracy activist captured much of the eastern mood, saying he was "not so happy" because of the region's mass unemployment.

"Many people no longer value the wonderful gift of freedom because they say: What use is freedom if they are shut out from jobs?" Friedrich Schorlemmer, a Protestant minister, said on WDR radio.

As time has passed, Germans have focused on the staggering cost of rebuilding the east, not the peaceful revolution that toppled the wall and the Stalinist rulers who built it.

Architects of reunification, led by former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, urged Germans to take pride in their achievements anyway. "We have every reason to be proud," Kohl was quoted as saying in the Bild newspaper. "Of course, a lot remains to be done and major efforts are still needed in some places to create flowering landscapes. And we will make

But critics often cite Kohl's 1990 promise of flowering landscapes for the east as a reason for the disillusionment that followed when West German capitalism swept away eastern industry and several million jobs.

The east's jobless rate — 17.5 percent — is more than twice that of the west.

Kohl conceded that after 40 years apart at Europe's Cold War front line, Germany's division "ran much deeper than I thought."

The wall was brought down by the offhand remark of a communist official at a Nov. 9, 1989, news conference.

Under pressure from nationwide pro-democracy demonstrations, East Germany's regime was looking for ways to contain the revolt.

Guenter Schabowski, the ruling Politburo's spokesman, made the announcement: East Germany was lifting restrictions on travel across its border with West Germany after nearly three decades of isolation.

Asked by a reporter when the new regulation would take effect, Schabowski fumbled, then said "immediately, without delay."

That night, east Berliners were jamming the first crossing to West Berlin. In a dramatic moment that helped end the Cold War, armed East German border guards gave up and let them cross. Later that night, Berliners danced on the wall.

The wall was a 97-mile reinforced concrete barrier that ran through the center of the capital and around then-West Berlin.

Though only a few pieces remain standing, the wall and several museums dedicated to it remain tourist attractions.

Dutch police investigate church attacks

BY ROBERT WIELAARD

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Police investigated attacks against two Protestant churches on Tuesday as mourners gathered for the funeral of a filmmaker whose murder by an alleged Islamic extremist triggered retaliatory attacks against Muslim landmarks.

Officials in the central Dutch towns of Utrecht and Amersfoot said molotov cocktails were thrown at churches, causing minor damage but no injuries. Since the Nov. 2 slaying of Theo van Gogh, whose last film was critical of how women are treated under Islam, fires have been set at mosques and an immigrant social center has been vandalized.

On Monday, a pre-dawn explosion in the southern town of Eindhoven wrecked the front door of an Islamic elementary school and shattered windows in nearby homes. No one was injured.

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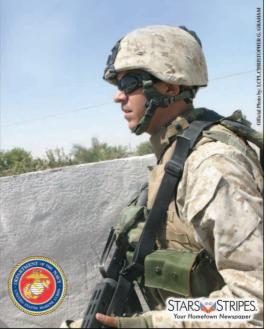
Theo Van Gogh, a distant relative of the Dutch impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh, was repeatedly shot and stabbed to death on an Amsterdam street. His throat was slashed and a five-page note threatening the lives of several Dutch politicians was driven into his chest with a knife.

His murder came two months after the release of "Submission," his last film which Muslims have called insulting to Islam.

Six alleged Islamic radicals are in custody in connection with his death, including the alleged killer, 26-year-old Mohammed Bouyeri, who holds Dutch and Moroccan passports. All face charges of forming a terrorist conspiracy to murder Van Gogh.

There were also reported threats of reprisals against the Dutch government and people, posted on a Web site by a radical Islamic group in Dubai, if more mosques are attacked in the Netherlands.







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Easy ways to slim down the traditional holiday feast

By DeCA Europe Consumer Advocate Kav Blaklev

Are you among the millions of Americans who have developed a close and personal relationship with their bathroom scales after repeated by hearing how overweight we've all become? Are you beginning to view the upcoming holidays, and all those delicious traditional dishes that go with them, as a beast rather than a feast? Then take heart, and read on for a few ways to lower the caloric content, but preserve the great tastes that are such an important part of American holiday meals.

Keep turkey as the centerpiece of your holiday table. It is a low-fat, high-protein, nutrient-dense food that can be a real bargain both in calories and in cost. At 59 to 96 cents per pound for a whole bone-in turkey, it's one of your commissary's best buys of the season. As long as you choose carefully, it's a great buy for calories spent, as well. A threeounce serving of boneless, skinless turkey breast contains only about 120 calories, while a serving of dark meat turkey runs in the neighborhood of 160 calories. For the lowest calorie count, choose either a fresh or frozen turkey that is not pre-basted (the basting solution can add a considerable number of calories) and be sure to check the Nutrition Facts Label on the package before making your final selection. Choices vary widely, and as with the basting solution mentioned above, additions and enhancements made to the product can change the calorie count dramatically. Remove the skin and all visible fat from the turkey before serving.

Would it surprise you to know that some of the traditional side dishes like dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied sweet potatoes, and that yummy green bean casserole topped with French fried onions weigh in at between 200 to 300 calories per serving? Unbelievable, isn't it? That's about the same number of calories contained in the pumpkin pie with whipped cream we simply must have for dessert! As a matter of fact, it's fairly easy to pack over 2,000 calories (nearly a whole day's requirement for most people) into this one holiday meal. Take a look at the recipes below and decide if one or more of your dishes could be replaced with a lower calorie ver-

The choice is yours. If you love the traditional foods just the way you've always made them, then go for it, and enjoy without guilt. Remember that it takes an extra 3,500 calories above what you expend to put one pound of weight on your frame. So, get out your calculator and figure out how you'll have to trim consumption in the days ahead to make up for this one glorious meal. Whichever choice you make, trust your good neighbors at the commissary to bring

you all the holiday ingredients you'll need at the best price around, and deliver it all with a famous DeCA smile!

Light and Creamy Mashed Potatoes Servings: 8 Calories per serving: 90

- 5 medium potatoes (2 _ pounds) peeled and cut into quarters 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes 1 teaspoon dried onion flakes 1 package (3 tablespoons) butter
- buds _ cup nonfat milk powder
- teaspoon freshly ground pepper teaspoon garlic powder

Place peeled potatoes in a large pot and cover with water. Cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving cup cooking liquid. Mash potatoes with a potato masher. Add hot reserved cooking liquid and remaining ingredients, mash until tender.

Green Beans with Mushrooms Servings: 6 Calories per serving: 50

- 2 pounds fresh green beans
- 4 to 5 teaspoons water
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, quartered 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons olive oil

Bring 4 to 5 teaspoons water to a boil in a small frying pan. Add green beans, lower heat to medium and cover. When green beans are fork-tender, take off heat and drain. In another fry pan, sauté garlic and mushrooms in the olive oil for about 5 to 7 minutes. Add to green beans, toss well and serve.

Individual Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Topping Serves: 8

Calories per serving: 146

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
- _ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon teaspoon ground ginger
- _ teaspoon ground cloves cup liquid egg substitute or 8 egg
- _ cup riquid egg substitute or 8 eg whites
- 12 ounces evaporated skim milk 1 cup low-fat frozen topping

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Stir with a spoon or whisk until well combined. Spray 8 small custard cups with cooking spray, and divide mixture evenly among cups. Place cups on a baking sheet, and bake in a preheated 350°F oven for about 20 minutes, or until knife inserted into middle comes out

Cool until slightly warm. Top each cup with 2 tablespoons whipped topping, and serve.

Horoscope

A formation involving the moon. Mars and Saturn emphasizes power struggles and cattiness, a la the

women's team of "The Apprentice." Mars transits into Scorpio, and strong leadership is needed, so if you don't mind being momentarily unpopular, take charge. Issues of love and money are intertwined with our notions of what we deserve

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 10). You'll love the changes of this winding road of a year. Some of you will switch careers early in 2005. Others will have a change of marital status. Your biggest change, however, will be on the inside. Your spirituality will deepen as you come to know yourself much better this year. By your next birthday, you will feel like you've been reborn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're in the mood for love or at least a really hot date. If there's someone you want to ask out, do it before the sun goes down, and then, let the night work its magic You may find it hard to concentrate at the office

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're feeling lazy, don't be too hard on yourself. Even charging bulls like you need their downtime. Get over the hump by focusing on light tasks such as making phone calls, reading research materials, and filing

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your negotiating skills will be called

into play. A co-worker or client may be backing away from a deal, and it's up to you to draw him or her out. Renew interest by reviewing all your project's selling points.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Tie up loose ends. If you've been

avoiding something that's making you unhappy at the office, face it instead of disappearing into your shell. Try writing in a notebook. On the page, you'll be able to see a

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your charisma and success attract all

kinds of people into your life. Most of them are good for you. But there are others who are weak or jealous who will cling to you for dear life. Choose your friends wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Holiday Mathis

Regarding a pet project you've been slaving over for weeks (or vears), it's time for you to relinguish control. Send your baby into the world. There's only so far you can go on your own, but with the right team, you're unstoppable

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). A stressful situation finally eases up as the focus shifts from you to someone else.

probably a Scorpio. Take a deep breath, and let it all go. By tomorrow, whatever was bothering you will be just a memory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're probably already feeling the effects of your ruling planet, Mars, giving your sign a nudge. Could you be any happier? You are positively electric and more than a little bit restless for the fun to begin

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Pivotal events in your early life made you who you are. You may suddenly find yourself wondering whatever happened to your best friend from grade school. Let go of any lingering fears or resentment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). There is a definite image you have of yourself that you want to get across. It's nice to look important but it's more important to be nice. It's what's inside that counts, after all Don't be afraid to show the world the real you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Put aside any worries you have concerning politics or religion. You can always worry later about the Middle East or fret over the fact that your candidate for president didn't win. Focus on who your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

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Nobody is more attuned to the dwindling energies of another lunar cycle winding down than you, the last sign of the zodiac. You need plenty of rest, so your body and mind can regenerate. Go ahead — ask for a little "me" time.

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Peanuts















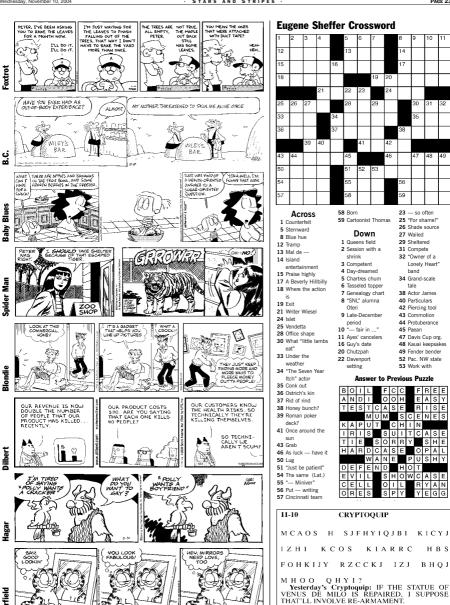








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals C

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Aronde

Perfect time to contact troops

Dear Abby: My name is Crystal and I am 24 years old.

For some time now, I have wanted to send letters to our troops overseas to express how much the citizens of this country appreciate and respect them and their families.

They sacrifice so much to serve our country. I would like the privilege of telling them we care about them, as well as the chance to make some new friends

With the holidays quickly approaching. I believe it is even more important to show that we care. Could you please let me and your other readers know of a way we can e-mail or send regular mail to make all of this possible? I would also like to remind everyone that as we are all busy with cooking and shopping for the holidays, we should take some time to let our brave memcare for them and their families God bless everyone in the world!

- Appreciative in San Jose Dear Appreciative: Your sentiments are beautiful, and I can't think of a better time to express them than today — Veterans Day

and also the Thanks giving, Christmas and New Year's holidays

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare, our Department of Defense suspended the Operation Dear Abby mail program. The DOD believed that mail made it too easy for terrorists to send hombs and/or other harmful agents to the

military

On Dec. 20, 2001, the Department of Defense and Dear Abby partnered to launch an official DOD Web site so that messages of support could be safely sent to our troops

Members of all branches of the military worldwide can read these messages wherever they are stationed - even in a submarine deep in the ocean.

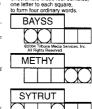
OperationDearAbby.net. only official DOD Web site for sending personally written messages of support to all branches of the military year-round, is easy to use. Please visit and send as many messages as you wish. It's quicker and less expensive than the old way, and messages from home are the biggest mo-

rale booster there is

And while I'm on the subject of morale boosters — let's not forget the many veterans in veterans hospitals around the country. Cards would certainly be appreciated by those patients, so please consider sending some to the ones in your area.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440. Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/deara Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles,



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Answer

Jumbles: SHEAF

LEECH

What the bartender said when he shared his exotic drink recipe: "HERE'S HOW"

WHEN THE YACHT RAN OUT OF FUE EVERYBODY ENDED UP IN-Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow) MODISH COWARD

Yesterday's

Being too skinny a big problem

bers of the military know we

Dear Annie: I love your column. The reason I am writing is to ask for weight advice - not to lose weight, but to gain weight.

I am a 21-year-old man, and I've been skinny for as long as I can remem ber. I can eat anything I want and never gain a nound While others see this as a blessing it is a curse for me. I have been told my metabolism is just fast, and eventually it will all catch up to me.

I hope so. I've tried weight-building nutritional drinks and the like, but have had no

Dear Texas: In order to gain weight, a person must take in more calories than he expends. First, ask your doctor to check your thyroid. There could be a physiological reason for the problem.

Assuming your health is fine, ask the doctor for a referral to a dietitian who can help you eat a more calorie-rich diet. Keep in



young and your metabolism is likely to slow down over time. It will not be in your best interest to develop bad habits now.

If you start eating potato chips and cookies while lounging on the sofa, you'll regret it.

Dear Annie: My

husband and I recently bought a business, and I'm totally swamped helping him run it. Because I'm at the office so often the housework is sacrificed. I feel so weighed down with all the responsibility. I also feel stretched and squeezed between the two

I am trying to be a good housewife and mother, but when I get home from the office, I'm too tired to do anything. Even if it gets halfway done, it's a mess again the next day. We're not the most organized people in the world, and we have so much stuff, I don't know where to put it all. Money is too tight to hire someone to help. I know they say, "A woman's work

is never done," but this is ridical lous. Do you have any insights for

 Stuck in the Middle Dear Stuck: Woman's work?! The feminist fur is flying a bit over here, but we'll try to help Your husband should be assisting with the housework. If you have children, enlist their efforts as well There's no reason you must

have two jobs while everyone else has one Make a list of what absolutely needs to be done (don't go overboard) and who does what. Post the list where everyone can see

Some things need only be done once a week. Save the more time-consuming stuff for the weekends. Many of our readers have recommended the Web site www.flylady.net for hints on becoming better organized. Check it out, and good luck

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Family Circus



"I see the 'hot' and the 'cold." Where's the one for 'warm'?"

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 21. Edinboro, Pa.
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 22. Saginaw Valley State, Mich.
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PGA Tour statistics

Scoring Average

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Driving Distance

1, Hank Kuehne, 31.4 yards 2, Scott Hend, 312.6. 3, John Daly, 306.0. 4, Mike Heinen, 305.2. 5, Chris Smith, 304.6. 6, Lucas Glover, 303.4. 7, Geoff Ogilwy, 303.3. 8, Chris Couch, 302.1. 9, Tiger Woods, 301.9. 10, J.J. Henry, 301.3.

502.1.9. Tiper Woods, 3013. 10. J. Nerry, 1. Tiper Woods, 3013. 10. J. Nerry, 1. Tred Fulls, 77.2 percent, 2, 5001 Very, 1. Tred Fulls, 77.2 percent, 2, 5001 Very, 1. Tred Fulls, 77.2 percent, 2, 5001 Very, 1. Tred Fulls, 79. Total Diving, 2. Tred Fulls, 79. Total Diving, 2. Tred Divin

Eagles

1, Nick Price, 9.0.0 holes per eagle, 2, Goff
Oglivy, 92.1. 3, Harrison Frazar, 92.3. 4, Onh
Daly, 10.1.6. 5, Vaughn Taylor, 105.4. 6, Mike
Heinen, 106.0. 7, John Senden, 106.0. 8, Villy
Singh, 116.5. 9, Scott Hend, 118.5. 10, Tom Lehman, 118.6.

man, 1188.

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1, Dan Forsman, 623 percent, 2, Jose Oceres, 61, 73. Denhib Paulison, 611, 4, Geoff Ogli-es, 61, 73. Denhib Paulison, 611, 4, Geoff Ogli-es, 611, 70 (lie), Loren Roberts, Mank Kuehne and Adam Soott, 93, 10, Roof Pampling, 58.

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College hockey

NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — Top teams in the NCAA Di-vision I men's ice hockey poli, compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 7, points, and previous ranking:

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Conference Championships Eastern Conference New England vs. D.C. United Saturday, Nov. 6

D.C. United 3, New England 3, tie ed wins on penalty kicks 4-3. Western Conference Kansas City vs. Los Ange Friday, Nov. 5 Kansas City 2, Los Angeles 0 nd 3. tie. D.C. Unit

nansas City 2, Los Angeles 0 MLS Cup Sunday, Nov. 14 At Carson, Calif. D.C. United vs. Kansas City

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CINCINNAT REBDS - Renewed the contracts
of Mark Berry, third base coach, Chris Cham-bliss, hitting coach, Don Gullett, pitching
coach, Tom Gullett, pitching
coach, Tom Hume, bullpen coach, Jerry Narron, bench coach, Mike Stefanski, bulloe
catcher, and Randy Whisler, first base

oach. **HOUSTON ASTROS**—Named Cecil Co ench coach and Doug Mansolino third coacn. MONTREAL EXPOS—Released RHP Rocky

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Walved F Anthony MillW. Signed F-D. Slani McCoy.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Announced the resignation of Dick Helm, assistant coach. Added rector of player personnel Brendan Suhr Coaching state.

one-year contract. Placed G Yuta Tabuse or the injured list. Women's National Basketball Association WNRA—Promoted Renee Brown to senio

WNBA.—Promoted Renee Brown to senior vice president of player personnel. FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS.—Signed DE Peppi
Zellner, FS Heanyl Ghalete and RB Troy Hambrick to contract extensions through the 2006 season and C Nathan Hodel to a con-

tract extension through the 2007 season ATLANTA FALCONS—Waived DT Clevel inkney. CHICAGO BEARS—Activated OT Marc Co

lombo from the physically unable to form list. Waived G Mike Gandy. Sign Qasim Mitchell to a contract extension. COLLEGE FDU-FLORHAM-N

FDU-FLORHAM—Named Mike Eineker womn's basketball and women's tennis coach.
NOTRE DAME—Signed Muffet McGraw,
women's basketball coach, to a two-year
contract extension through the 2010-11 seaton.

on. ST. JOSEPH'S, IND.—Announced it will join on Great Lakes Football Conference in 2005 FENNESSEE—Announced the resignation Michael Fancutt, men's tennis coach med Chris Mahony interim men's tennis

UTAH STATE-Fired Mick Dennehy, foot

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DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE...?

Danton sentenced in murder-for-hire plot

Former NHL player gets 7½ years

and fans.

BY BETSY TAYLOR

The Associated Press

EAST ST. LOUIS. III. Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton was sentenced Monday to 71/2 years in prison for trying to have his agent killed. Danton, 24, said nothing as U.S.

District Judge William Stiehl imposed the sentence. "I do not believe in over 18

years on the bench I have been faced with a case as bizarre as this one." Stiehl said, noting that Danton chose a 19-year-old acquaintance and a police dispatcher as his would-be helpers in the murder plot.

The judge said the story Danton "concocted was not well thought out or very believable. He said, "The exact reasons you felt you needed to engage in a murder plot remain a mystery to

Danton is expected to ask to be moved to a prison in his native Canada. As for his hockey career, there is no parole in the federal system and, the judge noted, Danton might not be allowed to return to the United States after completing his sentence.

His contract with the Blues expired after the 2003-04 season At the sentencing, Danton's attorney, Robert Haar, apologized on behalf of Danton "for the pain disappointment he

caused" his friends, teammates 'His aspiration now is to return to Canada and put his life back to-gether again," Haar said.

Danton pleaded guilty in July to murder conspiracy charges.

Prosecutors said he tried to hire a hit man to kill David Frost. his agent and Canadian youth hockey coach. A phone call to Frost was not immediately re-

Authorities said Danton and Frost had argued over Danton's alleged promiscuity and alcohol use, and Danton feared Frost would tell the Blues' front office about his behavior.

Olympic swim champ Phelps arrested for drunken driving

SALISBURY, Md. - Six-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps was arrested last week and charged with drunken driv-

A trooper saw the 19-year-old swimming sensation go through a stop sign



police said. Phelps also was charged with violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign. The legal drinking age in Mary-

"I want to say that last week I made a mistake. I wanted to share my feelings and I know that getting in a car with anything to drink is wrong, dangerous and is unacceptable." Phelps told The

Associated Press. "I'm 19, but I was taught that no matter how old you are you should always take responsibility for your action, which I will do.

I'm very sorry this happened." If Phelps is convicted of drivunder the influence of alcohol, he could receive a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The (Baltimore) Sun reported.

Bourque, Coffey, Murphy enter hockey hall

TORONTO - Ray Bourgue.

Sports briefs

the finest defenseman of his generation, entered the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday with Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy.

The three stellar defenseman combined for nine Stanley Cups and joined the hall with builder Cliff Fletcher and hockey writer

Bourque played for 22 NHL seasons and was a five-time Norris Trophy winner. He spent all his career in Boston until he capped it by winning the Stanley Cup with Colorado in his final season in 2001.

Coffey won three Stanley Cups in Edmonton and one in Pitts.

Murphy earned two championship rings with Pittsburgh and two more with Detroit.

Jury convicts promoter, boxer of conspiring to fix fights

LAS VEGAS — A federal jury on Monday convicted a boxing promoter and his fighter of conspiring to fix a series of nationwide bouts over a five-year peri-

Robert Mitchell, 42, of Irmo, S.C., and boxer Thomas Williams, 35, of Landover, Md., were each convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit sports bribery and one count of sports bribery and at-

tempted sports bribery.

The pair fixed the fights from March 1995 to August 2000 to enhance the boxing career of profes-sional heavyweight fighter Richie the Bull" Melito, Jr., said Daniel G. Bogden, U.S. attorney for Neva-

Cy Young No. 7 for Rocket GMs arrive in Florida ready to talk business

At 42, Clemens is oldest to win pitching award

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Roger Clemens easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award after putting off retirement and being about as dominant as ever - even at age 42

The Rocket received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to win the NL Cy Young for the first time after capturing six Cy Youngs in the American League.

He's the oldest Cv Young winner. Gavlord Perry was 40 when he won the NL honor in 1978.

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series, then changed his mind and signed with his hometown Houston Astros and went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and strikeouts. Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team he said last week he hasn't decided whether he will pitch in 2005.

Arizona's 41-year-old Randy Johnson, second to Clemens with five Cv Youngs, finished second in the voting with eight first-place votes and 97 points. The Big Unit went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts - Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts



Roger Clemens went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA to lead the Houston Astros to the NL Championship Series and win his seventh Cy Young Award.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins was third with 19 points followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Clemens won three Cv Youngs with Boston (1986-87, 1991), two with Toronto (1997-98) and one with the New York Yankees (2001). He is the first player to win BBWAA awards with four teams, and the first to win eight awards - he was the AL MVP in

With a 328-164 record Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4.317 strikeouts are second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

He signed with the expressed intent of helping the Astros reach the World Series for the first time, but Houston fell one win short. Clemens couldn't hold a 2-0 lead against St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL Championship Series, when Albert Pujols hit a tying double in the sixth inning, and Scott Rolen followed with a two-run homer.

Clemens earned a \$100,000 onus for winning the award, while Johnson got \$150,000 for finishing second. Oswalt and Schmidt earned bonuses of \$25,000 each.

The Associated Press

KEV BISCAVNE Fla - Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson and Carl Pavano might all wind up pitching in new places next season, possibly in pinstrines

And longtime New York lefty John Franco could get a job offer, too - one that would leave him in the Mets' bullpen, just in a different role.

This is the week of the annual general managers' meetings, and many of them had already arrived at the ritzy oceanfront hotel by the time some other prominent guests -- members of the heavy metal band Metallica — checked out Monday. Quickly, the baseball folks got down to business.

In the first trade of the offseason, San Diego sent outfielder Terrence Long and pitcher Dennis Tankersley to Kansas City for pitchers Darrell May and Ryan

Also, the Montreal Expos still operating under that name, but expected to become the Washington Nationals real soon — cut reliever Rocky Biddle. Count the San Francisco Giants among the teams that came to Florida looking for a closer.

Beaten in the playoffs by the eventual World Series champion Red Sox, the Yankees are sure to make a pitch for Martinez. Johnson and Pavano. Boston also is thinking about Pavano, 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA with Florida last season and possibly now out of the Marlins' financial range.

The New York Mets might have an interesting offer for Fran-

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John Schuerholz

Atlanta Braves GM

"He's someone we're interested in interviewing to be our bullpen coach, GM Omar Minaya

said. Franco, 44, was 2-7 with a 5.28 ERA in 52 games last sea

He's aware the Mets might want him to coach. though he'd like to pitch a little longer. Resides deals there are other

things to talk about during these five days. There will be a discussion about moving the July 31 trade deadline, and the topic of instant

replay also was listed on the agen-"I think people want to see that

the umpires get it right," said Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations. "I think the postseason proved they could do it without instant replay.

Plus, there might be a debate about post-series hugs and handshakes, such as what took place between the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers after their first-round NL matchup. Fact is, a lot of old school executives didn't like it too much.

Along with the GMs, there was at least one prime player in town. Scott Boras, who represents



Carl Pavano went 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA for the Florida Marlins last season, making him one of the most sought-after free agent pitchers on the market.

free agents Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek, Magglio Ordonez, J.D. Drew and Kevin Millwood.

breezed through the lobby. "I'm late for another meeting,"

Traditionally, the GM gathering serves as a precursor for the winter meetings, to be held Dec. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif.

"This is where you can lay the groundwork," Atlanta GM John Schuerholz said. "I don't think you'll see a lot of action here because there are too many dynamic free agents still out there.

Carlos Delgado, Nomar Garciaparra. Troy Glaus and Martinez are among the elite players eligible. Only their former teams can

talk money with free agents until Friday Just to be sure, baseball sent out a two-page memo to clubs last week reminding them no collusion is allowed on

The Yankees figure to make an impact sometime before opening day. That could mean trying to lure Martinez away from the Red and perhaps Sox making a trade to get Johnson from Ar-

Yankees GM Brian Cashman said he'd spoken to most teams before flying south, with talks in the

"The way these winters have gone, things don't move too swiftly," he said.

Speculation kept swirling about a blockbuster trade that would send Sammy Sosa from the Chicago Cubs to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Shawn Green in a swap of big hitters.

But Sosa's contract is complex. and his agent did not foresee the slugger going anywhere.

"I just think it's unlikely." Adam Katz said. "There are too many intricacies involved. And besides that, no one has called me. No one. I think I would've heard by now.

D.C. council set to vote on stadium

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Mayor Anthony A. Williams predicted Monday he has enough votes in the District of Columbia Council to approve financing for a ballpark for the Expos in the location agreed to in the team's contract to relocate to the capital.

The Council plans to vote Tues day, and seven votes are needed for approval.

Council Chair Linda Cropp, say-ing the site south of the Capitol along the Anacostia River waterfront would be too costly, pro-posed an alternative plan Friday to construct a stadium next to RFK Stadium. The Expos' contract with Washington calls for financing to be enacted by Dec. 31 and does not allow a change in site without the team's approval.

Williams gathered 20 business leaders at a news conference to demonstrate support for his proposal for a \$435 million stadium. "When it comes to jobs, when it

comes to development, when it comes to urban revitalization, this is the site," Williams said, adding that the RFK site wouldn't bring the same benefits. "It will lift up an entire section of our city.

The mayor said officials from the baseball commissioner's office, which operates the Expos on behalf of the other 29 teams, told



Anaheim will fight Angels if team attempts name change

LOS ANGELES - The city of Anaheim will resist any attempt by the Angels to change their name to the Los Angeles Angels.

The franchise began play as the Los Angeles Angels in 1961, became the California Angels when it moved to Anaheim in 1966 and has been the Anaheim Angels since 1997.

The possibility of a name change was first reported in July On Sunday, the Los Angeles Times quoted an unidentified high-ranking baseball official as saving baseball commissioner Bud Selig has given permission to Angels owner Arte Moreno to rename the team. Angels president Dennis Kuhl

declined comment Monday. Padres trade Long to Royals

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Padres traded one of their extra outfielders, Terrence Long, to Kansas City for left-hander Darrell May and right-hander Ryan Bukvich on Monday.

The Royals also obtained right-hander Dennis Tankersley. May will give the Padres a starter who has averaged closed to 200 innings the last two seasons. while Bukvich gives the Padres a

power arm out of the bullpen. May went 9-19 with a 5.61 ERA in 31 starts in 2004. He threw three complete games, including a five-hit shutout of the Baltimore Orioles on June 9

Bukvich appeared in nine game for the Royals last season, going 0-0 with a 3.68 ERA and one save

Long batted .295 with three home runs and 28 RBIs. He and catcher Ramon Martinez were obtained from Oakland in November 2003 for center fielder Mark Kotsay

Schilling has ankle surgery BOSTON - Red Sox pitcher

Curt Schilling had surgery to repair his injured right ankle Tues-

Schilling pitched Game 6 of the American League Championship Series and Game 2 of the World Series last month with the torn sheath of his ankle tendon stitched into place so it wouldn't flop over the bone when he pitched.

The Red Sox won both games setting the stage for Boston's first World Series championship in 86

Close, but still no win for Warriors

DALLAS - Golden State is getting closer to its first victory under new coach Mike Montgom-

One miserable quarter cost the Warriors on Monday night, but they still forced overtime and almost extended the game again before losing 101-98 to the undefeated Dallas Mayericks

"If we keep playing with that kind of effort, we'll be fine," Mont-gomery said. "We made some mistakes at the end that cost us, but I think we're making progress This is something to build on.

Dallas, which trailed by 17 points in the first half, led for good after Dirk Nowitzki hit an 18-foot fadeaway jumper on the first overtime possession.

But the Warriors weren't done until Jason Richardson's three-pointer from the top of the key hit the front of the rim as time expired in overtime. He forced the extra period with a three-pointer from the corner despite being double-teamed with 12 seconds left in regulation.

"Coming close is no consola-tion." Richardson said. "It could be ugly, it could be pretty, we don't care. We're searching for a

The Mavericks are 4-0 for only the third time. And they still haven't allowed 100 points in a

During 18 years as Stanford's coach, Montgomery had just one losing record. He didn't lose more than four games in three of his last five seasons before taking over the Warriors. Golden State hasn't reached the playoffs since 1994 under coach Don Nelson, now in his eighth season in Dal-

"I don't like losing, but we are in this together," Montgomery said. "It's hard every time you lose. You second-guess yourself. If the effort is there, we can live with that.

Golden State gave up a 57-43 halftime lead when it scored just 10 points on 3-for-23 shooting in the third quarter, with one field

goal coming on a goaltending call. Warriors' was the straight loss in Dallas since April 1999, and their 21st in 22 games against the Mavericks.

Nowitzki had 25 points, including nine in the third quarter, and 10 rebounds. Michael Finley had points even though he missed of 22 shots, and Josh Howard had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"We'll take it. But we know we didn't play a complete game, and it almost cost us." Finley said. "We were playing their record instead of their team. ... At least we showed we can win in an adverse situation

Marquis Daniels made two free throws with 49 seconds left in the third to put the Mavericks ahead 68-67 - their first lead since the opening minutes. Neither team led by more than three in the

fourth quarter. Richardson led the Warriors with 25 points and 10 rebounds.



Derek Fisher had 23 points just six after halftime and none in overtime.

Erick Dampier, traded from Golden State to Dallas during the summer, made a short hook shot with 1:05 left in regulation to put Dallas ahead 86-85. Dampier finished with six points and five rebounds in 29 minutes, two days after a 13-point, 18-rebound game against Memphis.

After Finley hit two free throws with 16 seconds left. Richardson tied it 88-all from the left corner over Finley and Daniels. Nowitzki's 20-foot shot hit the rim as time expired

Golden State played the first of four road games in six days after losing its first three games at home

Jazz 102, Nuggets 91: Andrei Kirilenko scored 24 points to help Utah beat visiting Denver and improve to 4-0

Mehmet Okur had his best game since joining the Jazz with 12 points and nine rebounds, and Raia Bell added 17 points. The Jazz swept the home-and-home series with the Nuggets, who edged Utah for the final playoff spot last season.

Utah has scored at least 100 points in each of its first four

Denver fell to 1-3 after struggling from the floor again. The Nuggets shot 42 percent, their best shooting performance of the voling season.

Carmelo Anthony led the Nuggets with 17 points and eight rebounds, scoring 12 in the final period as the Nuggets tried to come back after falling behind by 22.

Pistons 99, Clippers 96 (20T): Chauncey Billups scored four of his 20 points on free throws in the final 45 seconds of the second overtime, and Richard Hamilton also scored 20 in visiting Detroit's victory over Los An-

All five Detroit starters scored in double figures for the fourth straight game. Ben Wallace scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds after learning of the death of his brother, Sam Jr., who died Monday morning in Alahama

Hamilton missed 10 of his first 13 shots as the defending NBA champion Pistons shot 41.8 percent. Chauncey Billups launched 27-foot airball from the right sideline in the first quarter

Corey Maggette had 25 points and a career-high 19 rebounds for the Clippers, but missed a three-point shot at the buzzer that would have tied the game Chris Wilcox had 24 points and Elton Brand scored 21.

Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince picked up their sixth fouls in the final three minutes of the second OT, but the Clippers went the final 2:45 without a field goal and finished with 27 turnovers.



Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 25 points, put the Mavericks ahead for good with a jumper in overtime Monday night in Dallas. The Mavericks defeated the Golden State Warriors 101-98.

NBA scoreboard

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Minnesota	2	1	.667	11/5					
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Seattle	2	1	.667	11/2					
Denver	1	3	.250	3					
Pacific Division									
Phoenix	3	0	1.000	-					
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	11/2					
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Nuggets' **G** Lenard out at least six months

DENVER - Nuggets shooting guard Voshon Lenard will sidelined at least six months after surgery Monday

on his torn left Achilles tendon. Lenard was injured

Nov. 2, in Denver's season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Lakers

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He averaged 14.2 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists last season, helping the Nuggets reach the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

Denver is 1-3 after Monday night's 102-91 loss to the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City.

Outlaw rejoins Suns; Tabuse put on injured list

PHOENIX — Bo Outlaw signed a one-year contract Monday to rejoin the Phoenix Suns, who missed his tough post play last season.

The Suns said the 6-foot-8 forward would join them for Tuesday night's game at the Chicago Bulls.

To make room, the Suns placed guard Yuta Tabuse, the first Japanese-born player to make an NBA roster, on the injured list with a right quadriceps strain.

Outlaw, 33, won fans for his defense and hard-nosed play during two seasons with Phoenix, when he averaged 4.7 points and 4.6 rebounds.

He received the Dan Majer-Hustle Award for the 2002-03 season. But the Suns dealt Outlaw and center Jake Tsakalidis to Memphis for Brevin Knight, Archibald and Cezary Trybanski on Sept. 30, 2003.

He averaged 6.0 points and 5.3 rebounds with Memphis, which released him Nov. 1.

Ben Wallace to miss time after brother's death

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. Ben Wallace is expected to miss at least two road games for the Detroit Pistons following the death of his brother in Alabama.

Wallace scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds Monday night in Detroit's 99-96 double-overtime victory over the Los Angeles Clippers after learning of the death of his brother, Sam Jr., 61, who died Monday morning.

His brother had been battling brain cancer.

Wallace was expected to miss games Thursday at Denver and Saturday at Utah, the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News reported. He was to travel to White Hall, Ala., to be with his family.

toward losing season

Dolphins players were aware of Wannstedt's tenuous situation and rising discontent among fans

"I feel sorry for the guy because he's a first-class guy," cornerback Patrick Surtain said after Sunday's defeat. "It's not like guys aren't going out there giving 110 percent and laying it on the line for him. We're doing it - getting holding penalties, offsides, we're doing crazy stuff. How can he control that when he's on the sidelines?"

Wannstedt barely avoided being fired after last season, when Miami failed to reach the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Huizenga decided to keep Wannstedt but stripped him of authority over personnel decisions

Little has gone right for Miami Wannstedt was twice forced to change offensive coordinators during the offseason, and Williams abruptly retired just before training camp. Receiver David Boston, the top offseason acquisition suffered a season-ending knee injury before the first exhibition game

That was the start of an injury wave and the Dolphins have had the worst start in their 39-year his **New Computers**

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on since 1988 Wannstedt, who succeeded Jimmy Johnson in 2000, was

43-33 in Miami. His career NFL record, including six seasons with the Chicago Bears, is 84-90.

The Dolphins won only one playoff game under Wannstedt. and that was four years ago. Even with seven Pro Bowl players in 2002, including NFL rushing champion Williams and sacks leader Jason Taylor, the Dolphins missed the playoffs.

One of Wannstedt's first moves when he became coach was to nudge a 38-year-old Dan Marino into retirement. As a replacement Wannstedt acquired Jay Fiedler, who has never been popular with Dolphins fans.

Huizenga, who became sole owner of the Dolphins in 1994, has been through three coaches in pursuit of a title. He nudged Shula into retirement after the 1995 season, and Johnson called it quits four years later.

Speculation regarding the next coach began weeks ago, with LSU's Nick Saban. Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis mentioned as possibilities.



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Miami: Dolphins headed Fox, CBS extend deals to broadcast NFL games

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - CBS got what it wanted. Fox did, too. So did the NFL

Now it's ABC/ESPN's turn.

The NFL, eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season agreed Monday to \$8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years. The deals also would allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

"Our goal in the negotiations has been to continue to deliver our games to the widest possible audience." Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The agreements underscore a unique commitment to broadcast television that no other sport has."

The current eight-year con-tract was worth \$17.6 billion, including the Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity: Fox will pay \$4.3 billion, or \$712.5 million per year for the NFC games: CBS will pay \$3.7 billion, or \$622.5 million a year. In the current deal. Fox is paying \$550 million a year and CBS is paying \$500 million

"We're extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL," CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. "This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made.

"We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal?

The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year. But there's been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday night and Monday night nackages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups. The NFL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite

or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

Sports chairman David Hill said The last several weeks of the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football, and we're still in conversation on [details].

DirecTV also extended its deal with the league through 2010 for the Sunday Ticket package. The satellite distributor will pay \$3.5 billion for the five-year extension.

CBS continues to televise AFC games, a package it acquired in 1998. CBS handled NFL games from 1956 through the 1970 merger, then took over the NFC until 1993, when Fox outbid CBS for that package.

CBS then outbid NBC for the AFC games. Tagliabue said there will be no

changes in the traditional Sunday afternoon kickoff times for regu lar-season games.

Each network gets two Super Bowls during the contract period.

CBS will do the game on Feb. 4. 2007 from Miami and Fox will handle the game a year later from the Phoenix area. The other Super Bowls for the networks will be assigned later.

The agreements also include a commitment by CBS and Fox to phase in high-definition coverage for all games and introduce new interactive elements to NFL game telecasts.

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ST. LOUIS - Mike Martz is tired of taking the heat for the St. Louis Rams, and he's ready to make changes if his players don't start performing to their ability.

By R B FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

"You guys have been here with me long enough to know that I've never tried to mislead you or sugarcoat anything," the coach told reporters. "If I've screwed something up I'll tell you, and you try to take a bullet whenever you can to help them.

"There comes a time when some of these guys have just got to play

A 40-22 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday left the Rams with two dispiriting losses in a row and a 4-4 record.

Martz said he discussed a number of changes, which he did not disclose, in a morning meeting with his players. Offensive tackle Grant Williams is the most culnable player on a struggling line that allowed five sacks, and he is most likely to lose a starting job.

The Rams also lost 31-14 at previously winless Miami two weeks ago. They had been 4-0 after a bye under Martz before losing on

"We understand what our problems are and what we need to ad-

Martz rips Rams, ponders changes dress." Martz said. "There may he some personnel changes?

Martz said he's long been aware of potential trouble spots on the team. Williams is a stand-in starter for Kyle Turley. out for the season with a back iniury, for instance.

The line was so porous against the Patriots that one of the sacks on Mark Bulger came with the Rams in what he referred to as max protection, meaning at least two extra blockers. Martz said it wasn't a case of Patriots coach Bill Belichick coming up with "magical schemes."

Against the Patriots, Martz found other areas of concern.

"There's some things that rose up in this game that I didn't believe was a problem in the past. Martz said. "We know we've got some weaknesses in certain areas that we've tried to cover up a little

"There's some areas we've played very well that did not play well in this game."

Several players vented their frustrations in the locker room Sunday. Defensive tackle Tyoka Jackson, normally the team's most eloquent spokesman, peppered his language with four-letter words.

On Monday, it was Martz's turn to vent

"Players make plays: that's just the way it is." he said. "That's not a cop-out or brushing it off onto these guys, but I'm upset.

"We've got some guys we're counting on, and they've got to sten un

Another area that could see some changes is the defensive line, which includes three No. 1 draft picks. New England's Corey Dillon had 112 yards rushing, and he's the fourth opponent to rush for 100 vards in eight games.

Jimmy Kennedy, the Rams' top pick last year, returned from a broken foot sustained in training camp on Sunday and could get more playing time.

Special teams have struggled all season. It was especially glaring Sunday when no one covered Troy Brown on a touchdown pass from Patriots kicker Adam natieri on a fake field goal in the third quarter.

Martz said the two cornerbacks decided to switch sides because one of them had a banged-up shoulder, and they didn't complete the switch in time. But he also said the Rams practiced de fending that trick play several

"You need to see it and just burn a timeout," Martz said. "Just inexcusable, really. That's something we practiced, and not just once. I really am kind of at a loss for words on that one.'

Colts top Vikings on last-second FG American Confere

By DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Even with Peyton Manning's usual heroics and an unusually decent effort from their defense, the Indianapolis Colts still needed Mike Vanderjagt's leg.

Manning threw four touchdown passes, and Vanderiagt kicked a 35-vard field goal with two seconds left to give the Colts a 31-28 win over Minnesota on Monday night. The kick capped a late duel between Manning and Daunte Culpepper - the teams combined to score on five straight possessions after an unexpectedly low-scoring start between two offense-minded but relatively defenseless

Still, it was the Colts' special teams as much as the defense that allowed the Vikings to stay in the game, giving up a 91-yard punt return for a touchdown to Nate Burleson and a 51-yard kickoff return that set up a field goal. The defense, which allowed 45 points and 590 yards in Kansas City last week, surrendered only 17 points and 292 yards.

'Our defense did an excellent job slowing them down at times," said Manning, who has 26 TD passes this season, three short of his output all of last year.

Added coach Tony Dungy: "We were better. They're an explosive offense and we held the running game till the very end. Overall, I thought we played faster and smarter."

Manning, last year's co-MVP, also used his legs on the nine-play, 55-yard drive for the winning score, scrambling for 15 yards and getting 15 more when Lance Johnstone was penalized for landing on him after he slid to



Colts running back Edgerrin James breaks away from Vikings defender Brian Williams on his way to a first down in the fourth quarter.

the ground. And Manning, who finished 23-for-29 for 268 yards, even had a left-handed shovel pass to Edgerrin James to pick up a first down on the winning series.

Then the outcome was left to Vanderjagt's

"I've only had eight field goal attempts this year, so you kind of lose your rhythm," said Vanderjagt, who made all 37 attempts last year but missed a game-tying try in New England on opening night, "You've just got to prepare yourself for it because it's not as easy as everyone thinks. It's not as much physical as it is mental.

The win ended a two-game skid for the Colts (5-3) and put them in a tie with Jacksonville for the lead in the AFC South.

The Vikings (5-3) lost their second straight and now head to Green Bay for an NFC North showdown Sunday.

Minnesota coach Mike Tice called Manning's left-handed pass "an outstanding play." "I love watching him," he said of the Colts

QB. "Unfortunately, I was not watching him With the game tied 21-21, Manning threw a 19-yard TD pass to Marcus Pollard with 7:24

Culpepper was 16-for-19 for 169 yards and two touchdowns despite playing without in-jured star receiver Randy Moss. He took the Vikings 65 yards on seven plays, with Onterrio Smith scoring on a 32-yard run with 2:54 left. Culpepper set it up by rolling out for 9 vards on fourth-and-1 from the Indianapolis 43, then scrambling for 10 yards on the next

"Randy is a factor," Smith said. "It hurts, but at the same time other guys have got to step it up. Some guys did."

Manning finished with two TD passes to Pollard and one each to Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark, Marvin Harrison got to 800 catches quicker than any receiver in NFL history and set another record when he caught his 664th pass from Manning early in the third quarter - the most ever by any passer-receiver com-

American Conference

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New England	7	1	0	.875	208	146			
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0	.750	185	138			
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	137	137			
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Contenders lose QBs; Strahan out for season

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — When Chad Pennington got hurt last year, the New York Jets had a hard time winning games. They hope things go differently this time around.

Pennington is out two to four weeks with a strained right rotator cuff, leaving former Cowbovs starter Quincy Carter to handle the offense. Pennington was hurt in the first



quarter of a 22-17 loss to Buffalo on Sunday when he scrambled up the middle for a 12-yard gain. He kept playing, but his arm

started to stiffen and he left the game in the fourth quarter after his last two drives ended with an interception and a 13-yard sack.

An MRI exam Monday revealed the strain. Pennington

started rehabbing immediately to regain the strength in his arm.
The Jets probably will run a

scaled down version of their offense behind Carter a scrambling quarterback with little experience in the West Coast offense Last year. Pennington broke

his left wrist in the preseason and missed the first six games. With out him, the Jets struggled and finished 6-10.

"Anytime your starting quarterback gets hurt guys are pretty dis-appointed, but you still have an-other game to play and guys are going to go with it and that is what we are going to do," center Kevin Mawae said. "Chad will come back when he is ready to come back and until then, we have full confidence in Quincy to get the job done



Chad Pennington reacts after he was replaced by Quincy Carter during the fourth quarter of the Jets' loss in Buffalo on Sunday.

Leftwich to miss two games

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich probably will miss two games with a sprained left knee. Leftwich was re-evaluated Monday, and doctors determined there was no need for surgery. But he will remain in a brace and on crutches this week.

Backup David Garrard will make his second career start Sunday against Detroit.

Leftwich, who has completed 64.8 percent of his passes for 1.891 yards and nine touchdowns. sprained the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee Oct. 31 at Houston. Jacksonville had a bye Sunday

Strahan out for season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -All-Pro Michael Strahan will miss the rest of the season with a torn muscle in his chest, leaving the New York Giants without both starting defensive ends. Strahan, the NFL's all-time sin-

gle-season sacks leader, was hurt Sunday in the third quarter of a 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears. The 12-year veteran reached

out with his arm to attempt a tackle on Anthony Thomas and his arm was bent back as the running back cut inside Surgery will be performed Wednesday.

The news was doubly bad for the Giants because Keith Washington tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his left leg against the

Rears. He also will miss the rest Holmes has strained MCI

of the season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Priest Holmes has strained ligaments in his right knee and might not be able to play next Sunday at New

The star running back left Sunday's loss to Tampa Bay in the third quarter. His injury was first said to be a bruised knee, but the team learned Monday that Holmes has a strained MCL.

"The extent of the strain will only be known after a period of " coach Dick Vermeil said "We'll go ahead and prepare as if he's not going to be there."

Coleman practicing with Falcons

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. After 23 days of rest and rehab from a single-car accident, Rod Coleman returned to practice Monday.

The sixth-year defensive tackle racticed with a brace on his left knee, but does not know if he will use it Sunday when the Falcons (6-2) host Tampa Bay (3-5). Cole-

NFL injury update

ries to prominent NFL players, fol-i by team's prognosis. (See Fri-edition for complete injury report rovided by the league):

Bears: OB Craig Krenzel (ribs) proba-

ile. Raiders: G Ron Stone (knee) out 4-6 veeks.
Seahawks: DB Ken Lucas (bruised

Seahawks: DB Ken Lucas (bruised lung) questionable.

Buccaneerss: C John Wade (knee) out for season; WR Joey Galloway (groin), K Martin Grammatica (hip flexor) and DT Anthony McFarland (tricep strain) are questionable.

man indicated his calf, still slightly swollen, bothered him more Coleman underwent arthro-

scopic surgery on his left knee after swerving to avoid hitting a deer and flipping his 2003 Cadillac Escalade. Hall County sher-iff's deputy C.G. Wallace, who arrived on the scene at 4:30 a.m., did not charge him in the incident, but a report filed later that morning stated that Coleman, 28, had been drinking.

Bengals' Johnson apologizes

CINCINNATI - Receiver Chad Johnson apologized Monday for letting frustration get the best of him during the Bengals' 26-3 victory over Dallas on Sunday.

Johnson, one of the team's most popular players, was harshly criticized by fans for sideline antics attributed to him not getting enough passes thrown his way. Johnson said the issue wasn't

his number of catches, but the number of mistakes he made in blocking and other assignments. "It has nothing to do with what

everyone thinks it is, what they're perceiving," Johnson said. "It might have been my bad for com-ing off that way. You won't see that again. I made a mistake."

Losing becoming norm for 49ers

Now 1-7. San Francisco headed toward worst season since 1979

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Un-less the second half of the San Francisco 49ers' season is better than the first, they're headed for the worst record in franchise his-

A strong offensive perfor-mance couldn't overcome porous defense and a handful of key mistakes in a 42-27 loss to Seattle on Sunday.

The Niners fell to 1-7 with their third straight defeat.

So it was more of the same for the players and coaches Monday: patching new holes in their schemes and trying to stay motivated during the club's worst start since 1979. San Francisco finished 2-14 that season for the second straight year

Nobody really expected the Niners' season to be pretty, but it gets uglier with every losing week.

'You never foresee going 1-7," said coach Dennis Erickson, who emphatically denied rumors of his desire to leave the spiraling what I expected. That's not what I expect the rest of the season. I also didn't expect some of the injuries that we have.

"I can only worry about this team. It'd be nice to go 2-7

The 49ers got a boost from the return of quarterback Tim Rattay, who missed the previous game with a strained forearm. He was 23-for-35 for 259 yards and two touchdowns, but Seahawks linebacker Anthony Simmons intercepted his ill-advised throw and returned it for the clinching touchdown in the fourth quarter.

That's been the story of the 49ers' season — a bunch of small improvements overwhelmed by the enormity of their deficits in talent, coaching or experience.

"We need to stick together as a team." Rattay said. "Everybody has to get through

this thing and make sure there's no lanses in practice or intensity We've got to just stick together and keep working, because we've got a lot of games left."

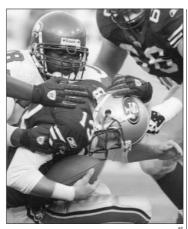
Receiver Curtis Conway, one of the 49ers' few veterans, inspired his teammates with a superb effort to score a 28-vard touchdown on a short pass in the first quarter. Conway caught the ball underneath the secondary after a blitz left the middle of the field empty — and instead of taking the ball

out of bounds inside the 5, he bulled over a defensive back to reach the end zone.

Rattay got fired up just watching the move. "He's been an asset to us ever

since he got here." Rattay said. "He's always where he's supposed to be, making plays and catching the ball.

After stints with Chicago, San Diego and the New York Jets, Conway doesn't find it difficult to



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Tim Rattay is sacked by Seattle Seahawks' Antonio Cochran during the fourth quarter Sunday in San Francisco, The Seahawks won 42-27, dropping the 49ers to 1-7.

stay motivated despite the 49ers' losses. He has played on other bad teams, and his work ethic comes from within, not his club's position in the standings.

"I'm not real vocal," he said. "I try to lead by example in practice in every aspect. I just hope the good things are rubbing off. I'm not perfect, but I've been around long enough to know we've got a lot of games to play. I've been in this situation on both sides But Conway could see limited

playing time later in the season. Though Erickson says all the

right things about using the play-

ers who give him the best chance to win, he also plans to get first-round draft pick Rashaun Woods into action more frequent-

. Woods didn't play against the Seahawks, but Conway and Erick-son both praised his improved work ethic in practice. Conway doesn't mind helping out the 49ers' young players on occasion, but he's more interested in playing, not mentoring.

These guvs play the game like it's supposed to be played," he said. "I'm just here in case they need a word of encouragement or

Victory allows Broncos to relax

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

DENVER - Ah, the bye week It's a chance to take some time off, heal the wounds and get ready for the homestretch of the season. For the Denver Broncos, it's also time to relax, thanks to a victory over Houston that prevented them from heading into the break on a three-game losing

"Obviously, if you go into the bye week with three straight losses, it's very tough mentally on the players and coaches," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "You have your backs against the wall."

Instead, the Broncos (6-3) are tied for the division lead with the San Diego Chargers and have plenty of reasons to feel good about themselves after a 31-13 thumping of Houston.

The defense stifled the Texans day; taking away their play, 1-yard touchdown one-play, drive, they managed only one sustained scoring drive, which came with Denver ahead 31-7. Jake Plummer threw four touchdowns without any interceptions. Reuben Droughns went over 100 yards for the fourth time in five games, Champ Bailey shut down Houston's star receiver, Andre Johnson (three catches, 28 yards).

In short. Denver looked more like the team that was 5-1, much less like the team that lost two straight before Sunday.

"Now, you get to relax, enjoy the bye week," safety Kenoy Kennedy said. "It's much better than hearing from the coaches about another loss.

When the Broncos return to play New Orleans on Nov. 21. they should have safety John Lynch back. He broke the bone above his tailbone last week, but trainer Steve Antonopulos was optimistic the veteran safety would be ready to play against the

The Broncos will probably re-main without defensive end Trevor Pryce. Originally expected to return in mid-November after back surgery, Pryce is now hoping for early December.

"The good news is the back is fine " Shanahan said "It's when he pushes off that he doesn't feel good about that. Hopefully, one day, he comes in and says he feels good about pushing off, and then he's ready to go.

Although the Broncos are ranked fourth in the league in defense and had four sacks against the Texans, they can still use more playmakers like Pryce, especially on defense. They went without a turnover Sunday and still have created only seven all season. They are minus-seven in turnover differential, which is 14th in the AFC, ahead of only Miami and Oakland

Another tough call goes against struggling Browns

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio - Under the bright lights. On national TV. In Baltimore. With the clock winding down. At the goal line The Cleveland Browns knew a

last-second interference call against Ravens All-World line backer Ray Lewis on Sunday night would be a long shot — at hest

"They didn't call very many fouls in the last three seconds on Michael Jordan." Browns coach Butch Davis said No, they didn't. And there was

little or no chance that the officials were going to flag Baltimore's No. 52 for grabbing the jersev of Browns tight end Aaron

Was Lewis guilty? It's debatable

But TV replays did show he had a handful of Shea's white No. 83 jersey as the two went diving for Jeff Garcia's pass. It was clear was that Lewis' tug bothered Shea just enough that the ball bounced off his hands and into those of Ravens safety Ed Reed,



Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis, right, has words with head linesman Ron Phares after the **Raltimore Ravens intercented a** pass in the end zone and ran it back for a TD in the final minute Sunday. The Ravens won 27-13.

who intercepted it and ran an NFL-record 106 yards to cap Baltimore's 27-13 victory

As has happened to the Browns (3-5) so many times over the past few seasons, one play sealed their fate. And like other previous times, it went against them.

However, the Browns weren't whining on Monday. They made enough mistakes — nine penalties, a disastrous 7-yard punt, their third loss in four games.

"I'm not going to blame that call " said kicker Phil Dawson who made two field goals and extended his league-best streak to 26 straight "We've got enough things we

can fix on our own to worry about what the officials are calling or not calling.' Still, the late drama between

Lewis and Shea was nivotal in a game that Davis said came down to "six plays. Three for them and

Unable to move Cleveland's offense most of the night. Garcia converted three third-down passes and drove the Browns down to the Ravens' 5-yard line with 45 seconds left

On second down, Garcia zipped his pass over the middle to Shea, who got Lewis to bite on an outside fake and had inside leverage Just as Garcia's throw arrived. so did Lewis, who was draped over Shea and made contact.

Based on the league's intent to clean un defensive holding Davis thought Lewis did enough to warrant a yellow flag.

"They made such an enormous

emphasis in the preseason about you cannot breathe on anybody,"
Davis said, "It doesn't seem to be called that way in the regular sea-

As Reed sprinted toward the end zone, Shea and Garcia both argued their case in vain. According to witnesses, Browns defensive coordinator Dave Campo who was in the coaching box upstairs, came down and confronted the officials afterward.

He wasn't the only one who "Everybody saw it," Browns

linebacker Andra Davis said. "Everybody knows it was pass inter ference. We didn't get the call and we lost. Everyone's saying that Ray Lewis grabbed him. If you have eyes, you would have seen it. He pulled him to the ground. They're in their home stadium. We didn't get the call. Game over.'

And as a result, the Browns season could be, too. After the Steelers (7-1), Cleve

land faces the New York Jets (6-2), Cincinnati (3-5) and New England (7-1). Just as the odds of getting the call against Lewis were long, so is making the play-

Kansas starts season No. 1

ACC teams ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th as six from league are in top 25

By JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

Sure, Kansas often grabs a spot in the upper half of the AP preseason college basketball poll, but the school hasn't been No. 1 since Wilt Chamberlain suited up for the Javhawks in the 1950s

Kansas stood atop The Associated Press' Top 25 on Monday, the 13th straight season the Jayhawks have been ranked 11th or higher in the first poll.

The Jayhawks received 25 first-place votes and 1,697 points from the national media panel edging Wake Forest which had 22 first-place votes and 1.680 points. The Demon Deacons were the

first of three straight Atlantic Coast Conference teams in the poll, and six teams from the league were in the Top 25.

Wayne Simien leads four starters back for Kansas, which lost to Georgia Tech in the NCAA tournament's regional finals last season.

The Jayhawks were ranked No. 1 for one week last season and they have been ranked No. 2 in five of the past 12 preseason polls.

"I hope we're never going to be satisfied and our veterans understand they've got to go play. It's nice but it means nothing in the big scheme of things, sec ond-year Kansas coach Bill Self

The Jayhawks hope they can do even better than the last time they were No. 1 in the preseason: In 1956-57, Chamberlain led them to the national championshin game, a triple-overtime loss to North Carolina

As for Wake Forest, it has all five starters back from the team that lost to Saint Joseph's in the round of 16.

'You see it, you look at it, and you shake your head, but you can't waste one nanosecond to worry about it " Demon Deacons coach Skip Prosser said, referring to the lofty ranking, which matches the highest in school history in any AP poll.

Georgia Tech and North Carolina were third and fourth in the balloting. It is the second time in three years one conference has

had the Nos. 2-4 in the preseason poll. The Big 12's Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas were in that order

No. 11 Duke, No. 15 Maryland and No. 19 North Carolina State round out the ACC teams in the

"It's a tough, tough league," Prosser said. "I don't think that'll ever change."

Illinois, where Self coached before heading to Kansas, was fifth He succeeded Roy Williams, who went to North Carolina. The two coaches have ties to three of the

"So. I've got a 1 and a 5 and Roy's got a 1 and a 4," Self said. "What are you guys trying to do to us?

Syracuse was sixth, followed by Oklahoma State, defending national champion Connecticut, Kentucky and Arizona.

Six of the teams in the final poll last season were not ranked this preseason including Stanford and Saint Joseph's two schools that reached No. 1 during 2003-04.

Stanford, No. 1 in the final poll,

lost 18-year coach Mike Montgomery and All-American Josh Childress to the NBA. The Cardinal missed the preseason Top 25 by one place.

Saint Joseph's, No. 1 in the next-to-last poll and fifth in the final voting last season, lost its backcourt of senior Jameer Nelson, the consensus national player of the year, and Delonte West, a junior who went to the NBA.

The Hawks didn't get one vote in the preseason balloting.

"It will be different, but we take each team as a separate entity," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "Last year wasn't just about a great team. It was more about our attempt to develop a great program."

Georgia Tech and North Carolina each received 10 first-place votes, while Illinois and Oklahoma State got two each, and Kentucky had one.

Connecticut was the preseason No. 1 last year before winning it all, the 24th time that happened since the poll started for the 1948-49 season

Men's AP Top 25

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Eight conferences were represented in the preseason Top 25. The Big East and Southeastern Conference followed the ACC with four teams each, while the Big 12 and Big 10 had three each. The Pac-10 and Conference USA each had two teams, while Gonza-

ga of the West Coast Conference

was the only Top 25 team not

from one of the power leagues.

Lady Vols top preseason poll for 11th time

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER The Associated Press

Tennessee is no longer chasing Connecticut. The Lady Vols are back on top.

Pat Summitt's team took the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press' preseason women's basketball poll Monday, the 11th time it has started the season atop the rankings — and first since 1998.

The Lady Vols received 20 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel to edge Texas, Southeastern Conference rival LSU and three-time defending NCAA champion UConn for No. 1

"I was a little surprised, based on the players we lost and the fact that only three of our freshmen are healthy right now." Summitt said. "But as I told our team, it certainly is a compliment to them and how they finished last year and also to our newcomers.

Tennessee had 1,085 points, while Texas had 1,056, three more than LSU. Connecticut was fourth with 1 017 Texas had seven first-place

votes, LSU 12, and UConn six. Tennessee returns starters

Shanna Zolman, Loree Moore and Shyra Ely, plus four other veterans, from a 31-4 team that lost to Connecticut in the national championship game. As if that weren't enough, Sum-

mitt signed the nation's top-ranked recruiting class, including the No. 1 prospect, Can-dace Parker. But Parker and two other freshmen, Alex Fuller and Sade Wiley-Gatewood, are injured. Fuller is out for the season. Still, the Lady Vols have three other talented newcomers.

They'll be needed because Sum-

mitt has put together another brutal nonconference schedule that includes seven teams from the preseason Top 25.

"I've turned to this veteran roup to really help us through the process of teaching our freshmen," said Summitt, who has six NCAA titles. "Our expectations are always high here. As veterans and as leaders, they have to raise the bar for the younger players."

Connecticut led the first poll in four of the previous five seasons and will try to become the first school to win four straight NCAA women's basketball titles

But the Huskies had a major

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loss with the graduations of superstar Diana Taurasi and point guard Maria Conlon. Coach Geno Auriemma is hardly without talent, though, because standouts Strother, Barbara Turner and Jessica Moore all are back.

Texas returns four starters after tying Kansas State for the Big 12 championship last season. LSU has a star in Seimone Augustus and a new coach in Pokey Chatman, who filled in for the ailing Sue Gunter last season and took the Lady Tigers to the Final Four for the first time.

Chatman got the job on a permanent basis when Gunter retired in April.

A third SEC team, Georgia, was ranked fifth, followed by Duke, Stanford, Baylor and North Carolina. Ohio State and Notre Dame tied for 10th.

Then it was Texas Tech in 12th. and Vanderbilt 13th, followed by Minnesota, Michigan State, Purdue, Rutgers, Boston College, Kansas State and DePaul.

"I don't think there's much dif-ference in the top teams," Sum-mitt said. "I think you could look at the top five and say on a given

night, any team can win. It probably goes even deeper than that." Every team in the Top 25 except Maryland was ranked last

Maryland made the AP poll for the first time since the week of Nov. 19, 2001. The No. 25 ranking for Louisi-

ana Tech was the lowest for the Lady Techsters since the 1991-92 season, when they were un-ranked in the final 16 polls.

Some early games could cause an immediate shuffling in the poll. In a doubleheader at Austin, Texas, on Sunday, Texas meets Penn State, and LSU takes on Bay-lor. LSU also has to play two games before that, Minnesota has a challenging game against UNLV, and Duke, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Arizona all are in the preseason WNIT, which starts Friday.



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Colts bump off Vikings



Colts Marcus Pollard, right, and Dallas Clark celebrate Pollard's second-quarter touchdown, the first of the three the tight ends scored against the Vikings. Indianapolis won on a late field goal. See Page 32.

Wannstedt exits Miami

Dolphins coach resigns, accepts responsibility for worst record in NFL

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt called it quits Tuesday midway through a dismal season that began with the retirement of running back Ricky Williams and has left the team with the NFL's worst record at 1-8.

Defensive coordinator Jim Bates was promoted to interim coach.

coach.

"As you might imagine, this was not a very easy decision from a personal standpoint, but I believe it is a proper decision at this time for being a professional." Wannstedt said. "Somebody has to accept the responsibility. I and the head coach and that falls on

Wannstedt's resignation came after he met Monday night at the team complex with owner Wayne Huizenga. The timing of the coaching change wasn't surprising, with the Dolphins beginning their her week.

Dolphins President Eddie Jones said he and Huizenga tried to talk Wannstedt out of quitting, but the coach made the case that his departure would be best for the team.

Bates' first game as interim coach will be Nov. 21 at Seattle. He was head coach of the USFL's San Antonio Gunslingers in 1985 and joined the Dolphins as defensive coordinator when Wannstedt became head coach in 2000.



Dave Wannstedt resigned as coach of the Dolphins, saying his departure was best for the team.

Bates said that while some starters might be benched, major changes are impossible at this point of a season.

"We can't change the offense, we can't change the defense," Bates said.

Wannstedt's final defeat came Sunday, when Miami blew two leads and lost 24-23 to the Arizona Cardinals, who ended a 17-game road losing streak. The Dolphins endured their most lopsided defeat of the season last Monday, 41-14 against the archrival New York Jets.

Wannstedt was just the fourth coach in Dolphins history, and only Don Shula coached the team longer

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Losing is catching on for 49ers as team heads for worst season since 1979





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